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A Spectacular Southern Ute Halloween



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Incumbents Envision Proactive Tribal Housing Open House Government For the People



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2009-2010 Southern Ute Tribal Council Candidates during the Meet the Candidates Night held Monday, November 2, 2009 in the Events Center at the Sky Ute Casino Resort, pictured left to right are incumbents: Byron Frost, Corliss Taylor, Elise Redd, Joycelyn Dutchie, Jim Newton, Jr., Howard Richards, Sr., and Barbara Scott-Rarick. Not pictured Joyce Delaware.

by Amy Barry
Southern Ute Drum

On Monday, November 2, 2009, Meet the Candidates Night, was held at the Sky Ute Casino Events Center. With roughly 50 members in attendance, the evening began with a welcome from Co-Executive Officer, Andrew Frost and Council Lady Marge Borst. The invocation was given by Byron Frost. The evening began with Co-Executive Officer Frost thanking the tribal members in attendance, both in person and listening in on KSUT radio. All candidates were then given the microphone to address the Southern Ute people with a welcome.

Council Lady Barbara Scott-Rarick began the evening by stating what her accomplishments and endeavors have been since taking her current seat a year ago. Council Lady Scott-Rarick also stated that although some have voiced to her that she has moved too fast, she feels she has acted in

the best interests of the Southern Ute people. Tribal candidate, Howard Richards addressed the membership on his political focus areas within the tribal government which included housing, financial stability and health for our tribal people. Mr. Richards also stated during his tenure on Tribal Council he was part of the planning of the Financial Plan and that it can be revisited and revised if changes need to take place for the betterment of the Tribe's financial stability. Mr. Richards also spoke of his administrative background and knowledge of the Southern Ute Tribal government. Seeking re-election was Vice-Chairman Jim Newton Jr. who gave his welcome and re-iterated to the Southern Ute people how important voting is during this current election. Vice Chairman Newton also stated that although the current Tribal Council has been scrutinized for various reasons, the "teamwork" environment has remained positive while he has been in office with the current Tribal Council members. Vice

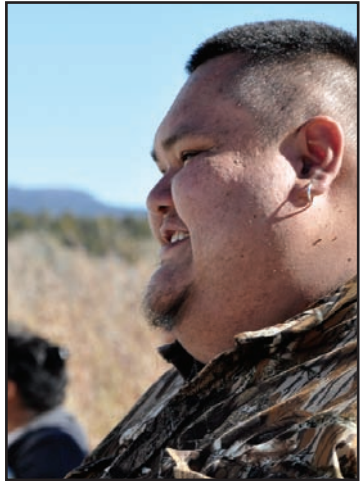
Chairman Newton Jr. also stated to the membership that decisions and changes take time and cannot happen overnight, due to actions and decisions that require a majority vote from the Southern Ute Tribal Council. Vice-Chairman Newton Jr. also stated that he has been consistent on his decisions and he remains a voice for the Southern Ute people. Tribal candidate, Joyce Dutchie spoke to the membership and stated, "The same issues are still being talked about now since I was on Council and nobody has done anything about it. The hiring process has not been changed, our people still can't get jobs within our own government and it's sad." Ms. Dutchie stated that she would like to bring back the TEAM Program for tribal members to get the foot in the door for positions with the tribal government. Ms. Dutchie also stated that the culture is being lost, just like the Ute language. Ms. Dutchie also brought up accountability to the

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Paula Trujillo
SU Tribal Housing Dept.

The Tribal Housing Department began with home inspections conducted by Native American Housing Consultants (NAHC). These inspections were on a voluntary basis by Tribal Member home owners reservations wide (approximately 300 homes were inspected). These inspections included footing/drainage issues, electrical/lighting, roofing, handicap accessibility, plumbing, heating, water heaters, radon testing etc. The inspections gave Tribal Council an idea of Tribal Member home repair needs and health and safety issues on the reservation. These needs vary from extensive repair to very minor issues in the homes.

In September of 2008 Melvin J. Baker was hired as the Tribal Housing Director. Mr. Baker presented Tribal Council with several options to proceed with the Home Repair Program. Tribal Council chose option one (Phase I) which included to repair the first thirty homes inspected. Phase I also included repairs identified as a priority, such as water heater/ furnace replacement, homes with negative drainage/footing, erosion problems, roof and septic replacements.



In July of 2009, Mr. Baker hired his staff which includes Hilda Burch as Project Administrator and Paula Trujillo as the Administrative Assistant.

Currently we have three contractors working on twenty six homes over the next three months to handle the first thirty homes in Phase I. Contractors have also



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Tribal Housing's Open House was met with good weather and plenty of home cooked food. Mel Baker (top photo) gave opening remarks, which included an overview of the new Tribal Department. Vice Chairman Jim Newton Jr. also gave welcoming remarks (bottom left photo).

been selected to complete the furnace and water heater replacements identified as a priority. We will be selecting contractors on the other priority repairs identified in the near future.

Tribal Council approved 100% funding for Tribal Elders and Disabled homeowners. Funding for Tribal Members under the age of fifty five is split 60% of the repair cost is covered by the Tribe, leaving the home owner responsible for 40% of the cost.

The Mission of the Tribal Housing Department is; to provide safe, sanitary, habitable & affordable housing, to provide assistance & guidance with home repairs and getting quotes from outside contractors for home repairs, to provide educational assistance to first time home buyers, courses on home maintenance and preventative maintenance for Tribal home owners, to provide a list of qualified contractors who have met all of the requirements set forth by the Southern Ute Tribal Housing Department who can do repair work on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation

The Eligibility of the Home Repair Program; must be an enrolled Tribal Member, must have a NAHC Inspection report on file, must be the Tribal Members Primary residence, must be located within exterior boundaries of the SUIR, and must be in home owner's name,

TM's over age 55 is eligible for 100% funding, Handicapped/ Disabled must show proof of disability, TM's under 55 will be allocated 60% remaining 40% will be TM's responsibility, and TM's must provide documentation for securing 40%.

Under the direction of Tribal Council, as of October 1, 2009 Construction Services and the Wood Yard were placed under the direction of the Tribal Housing Department. This allows for a maximum team effort in many aspects to assist Tribal Membership.

Our goal for Phase II is to increase the number of houses repaired to thirty elders and thirty non elders. We are a new Department and face new challenges on some of the older homes each and every day.

We would like to thank the participants of the logo contest, the winners are:

1st Place - \$200.00 Wal-Mart gift card - Roy O'John
2nd Place - \$100.00 Wal-Mart gift card - Tanisha Collins
3rd Place - \$50.00 Wal-Mart gift card - Carlos Whiteman

The Tribal Housing Department would like to thank Tribal Council Members, the Executive Officers, and Tribal Royalty for participation in our Open House. We would also like to thank the Grounds Maintenance Crew for their assistance in setting up picnic tables for our luncheon.



Express Your Opinions

To all Southern Ute Tribal Members, Relatives, and Friends,

I am a tribal elder who is very concerned regarding the operation of the tribal government and what is it going to take for our tribal leaders to realize exactly what they are going to us Southern Ute Tribal Members. Watch where you step or who you vote for and listen for the false promises we get every year when a tribal member is running for a seat on Council. It is the same story!

JOBS: Who hires the non-Indians? Is TERO followed? It seems like they pull out the TERO when they don't want to hire a tribal members or their descendents. These non-Indians they hire, are they oriented to tribal cultural? It seems like the non-Indians that are hired are VERY DISRESPECTFUL to our tribal traditions and our culture. There is no reason for this because we as, Southern Ute Tribal Members, employ them and put money in their pockets. Where would they be without the Southern Ute Tribe, if we were not here? I have encountered some of the non-Indian Division Heads and they are very mean and disrespectful to our Tribal Members.

Another thing is non-Indians are hiring their friends and relatives when a position opens up in the Tribal Organization. I see our HR Department steps in right away to hire a blonde hair and blue eyes! They hire the non-Indians from the four directions and some may be carrying their prejudice with them they learned. These are the people who say negative things about the Tribe out in their community regarding our funds, etc. Some of OUR Tribal Members have college degrees, so why are these Tribal Members not being hired?

I can see and hear; I am not blind or deaf. I see more non-Indians in our Tribal Organization – WHERE ARE OUR TRIBAL MEMBERS? I'm sorry, but not really, to those Tribal Members who I may have stepped on their toes, but look at it this way: we are on a foundation that our ancestors had built for us. I know some of our Tribal Members were not raised traditionally, that is not your fault. If you want to step back a little, you can learn your culture and tradition, but please don't let our foundation crumble like the non-Indians want to see happen. That is the reasons why they are here: TO SEE US FAIL and they are encouraging our Tribal Leaders into buying and spending our Tribal Monies. It is a little sugar on top and our leaders jump for the sweetness.

There had been Tribal Members, Tribal Descendents, and Other Indians who have applied for positions and were denied the positions because they are over-qualified or under-qualified. What does this mean, other than these Indians don't need jobs? There are others who have been terminated because they attend traditional ceremonies and the directors not understanding our tradition. This is the reason why the tribe needs to hire Indians in these positions and where was TERO when these non-Indians were hired? Our Indian people are being discriminated against in an Indian organization because of their tradition! And the Council allows this even though there are some Council members who are Sundancers and participate in other Indian ceremonies!!

I think there is a lot of favoritism going on. There are a lot of changes going on with the dividend payments and bonuses – they tax us to death just because they say we are the riches tribe. I tell people that I am not rich because I am not. I live from payday to payday or per-capita to per-capita, which I think a lot of tribal members are doing too.

Tribal members when you go the poll think of who is going to do the job for you and stand up

for you. Think of who is not lying to you to get your vote. When you go to Meet the Candidates Night ask each of the candidates what is their purpose for running for Council. Ask them if they are truly there for you and not for the big pay check!

CLINIC: I thought that when the Tribe took over the Clinic it would be better for the Tribal Members. But, we now have a Health Clinic that does not want to see Tribal Members or give them good health care. You could be dying and the Clinic still will not see you. This has happened to a Tribal Member and if it was not for the Mercy Hospital, this Tribal Member would have died. Mercy was very angry that this Tribal Member had to fight to be seen at the Clinic then when he was finally seen he was told that nothing was wrong and to go home and wait out the illness. So, in other words the Clinic wanted the Tribal Member to go home and die!

I want to know why the Tribe took over the Clinic if the Health Care is worse than when the IHS had it. If the Tribe felt the Clinic would have better Health Care taken from IHS, why did the Tribe keep the person, Tom Duran, who was responsible when it was under IHS? Didn't the Tribe think if he did not make it better under IHS that mostly like it will not change with him as the Director with the Clinic under the Tribe? Is the Council that irresponsible and needing to keep in good with non-Indians that they need to keep all of them employed even though they are NOT doing what is the BEST INTEREST OF THE TRIBAL MEMBERS? This goes back up to the top of my letter.

I know there are more of you out there that has not able to be seen they Clinic because they don't want to see you. It just amazes me that the Tribe would keep someone who, during a General Meeting last spring, told the audience that he doesn't even take his children to Durango, but takes them to Denver because they have better doctors. So, I think this means that we as Indian people and Tribal Members are not good enough for good doctors, but the Director of the Clinic will make sure that his family gets the BEST doctors and that is why he takes them to Denver! Hmm, so Council, tell us again why Tom Duran is the Director of the Clinic, especially after the position was not advertised.

*Dorothy Lee Wing
Southern Ute Tribal Elder*

How Do We Find The Truth?

It seems that we have a big problem understanding the truth with regard to financial performance of our Growth Fund and Permanent Fund. The current method of listening to the managers' high level overview of financial performance is far from adequate and is highly flawed. The current management of the Growth Fund and the Permanent Fund are not likely to provide thorough or detailed analysis on performance as they are biased to protect their jobs and income level, so we should not expect our managers to provide the objective analysis necessary to give us the truth about financial performance.

How do other investment management organizations address this issue?

Common Mistake #1 - They do not rely on in-house management to perform the assessment. They rely on outside unbiased consulting organizations to perform the analysis and utilize benchmarking to compare performance to industry standards.

Common Mistake #2 – The analysis is not a high level review of general performance. The analysis is designed to review specific performance of each investment within an organization such as an investment in a stock portfolio,

oil, oil & gas field, specific real estate development or a specific private equity fund. Summaries of the total investment portfolio of stocks, bonds, oil & gas fields, real estate properties or private equity funds are inadequate by itself to judge performance.

Common Mistake #3 – They do not allow in-house managers to manipulate, control or participate in the analysis. The analysis is delivered directly to the investment committee, where in-house managers primarily the accounting staff not the executives are required to support the analysis by providing answers to the analyst's questions and make information available when asked. The performance report is later reviewed with each manager similar to a report card in schools.

Common Mistake #4 – The do not allow poor performing managers to stay very long. Some discretion is used to allow for new managers to establish their investment strategy or correct past problems, however investment managers are viewed as professional athletes. If they do not perform, then they are dropped from the team. These key staffing decisions must be controlled by the investment committee (tribal council) not by the managers themselves. Managers can have competitive biases that prevent objective decision making on hiring and firing of key staff.

Common Mistake #5 – They do not wait to perform the analysis. The analysis is critical to help investment committees make good decisions about investments. Any delay in performing the analysis may cause serious harm to the investment portfolio. Once the initial financial performance is completed an annual date is established to continuously review performance. To reduce the cost of analysis a "standard performance report" make be created and generated by the in-house accounting team to assist and expedite the data gathering process.

Here is a list of things that can be done to get the answers that we desperately need.

1. Hire an unbiased third-party firm to do the financial performance evaluation. This is not the same as the annual financial audit. The annual financial audit does not assess business financial performance. The annual audit only certifies the correctness of accounting within a given year. The list below provides many reputable firms that are skilled at doing business financial performance analysis: Accenture, Deloitte, Ernst & Young, Price Waterhouse Coopers and KPMG. A bidding process should be run to ask for a quote from each firm for the evaluation and the winning bid should be hired to perform the analysis. The firm that is doing your annual audit is generally excluded from bidding to prevent conflict of interest.

2. Create financial performance criteria for each business that is appropriate. For example stock and bond portfolio performance should be benchmarked to common indices such as the S&P index, bond indices and even hedge fund performance indices. Additionally, a fee analysis should be conducted on stock and bond portfolios to determine how much we are paying in fees to outside managers. Fees are generally no more than 1% of total assets. There are very detailed performance standards for stock and bond portfolios that should be utilized. Oil & gas operation performance criteria would include analysis for each oil & gas play and measure total capital invested, total future capital forecast to build out the wells, success/failure indications for each play as well as overall for all plays based on well drilling combined with maps to define the geological summary of what is expected or

has been found. Real estate developments or existing income producing properties need to have separate metrics to define total cost of the project, timeline for development and when occupied income and return analysis that is common to the industry. Private equity investments should be benchmarked based on vintage (origination) year of investment relative to other private equity funds. Company evaluations should be performed independently looking for indications of success or failure of the business model. The overall analysis would be historical in nature covering the last five-years of performance possibly the last ten-years with an overview of good decisions and bad decisions by manager highlighting any distressed assets.

3. Perform liquidity and cash flow analysis (not EBITDA) for the entire organization to understand the performance of financial planning and investment allocation decisions. Financial liquidity is critical to protecting an investment portfolio. Illiquidity can cause bad decisions to be made forcing ill-timed sales and large losses on investments.

4. The investment decision making process should be analyzed within the Permanent Fund and the Growth Fund to make sure that the process for evaluating and approving new investments or selling of existing investments are done on an unbiased and objective basis. Conflicts of interest must be eliminated. This process is critical to the success of the investment committee (tribal council) and allows the expertise to rely in the evaluation process rather than at the investment committee level.

These things are not being done now causing significant risk to our future. A consulting firm can give us the answers we need. We must act now and demand the truth.

Orville Hood

Tallbird/Santistevan Appreciation

On behalf of my sisters Ricki Lynn, Sarah Tallbird and the Santistevan family, we would like to take this time to say Thank You to all of the individuals who came and supported our family during our time of loss.

Words can not express the heart-felt support we received from everyone who called, stopped by, or praying for us. We also want to thank all the people who cooked for our families both here in Ignacio and in Towoac, We don't have a list but we would like to say Thank you all so much.

Thank you Vice-Chairman Newton for being there when no one else could come through, Leaders are individuals like yourself who think of your people

in their time of need, your help will forever be remembered in our prayers.

We would also like to Thank Hoppie and Elton House for bringing over the tee pee for Tony Boye, family always finds a way to make it work and Hoppie you came through for us, Thank you!!

We would also like to say thank you to Terry Knight for officiating over the services and for your prayers and encouraging words.

We want to also Thank Malcolm Tallbird for his prayers and encouraging support in our time of loss.

The staff of Hood Mortuary, Tom and his staff did a beautiful job and we want to say Thank You as well for your hard work and patience.

To our relative Daisy Frost, the words you spoke for Tony Boye was true and from everyone here in Ignacio who got to know and became friends with Tony Boye. Everyone who knew Tony Boye loved him. Your words and being there for Rick will also be in our prayers.

Last but not least we want to say Tuvici Towoac to the Chapita Lake singers who came and sang for Tony Boye and the other individuals as well, both here at his home and also in Towoac. Singing was a major part of Tony Boye's life and his songs will live in our hearts forever.

And to all the other friends and relatives both near and far, who couldn't make it we want to say Thank You all so much for calling, stopping by and letting us know you are here in spirit - Thank you all so much!!

If we have left anyone unmentioned, its not done intentionally, we have had so many people from all over stop by or call. May the Creator watch over each and everyone of you Thank You!

*Mike Santistevan, Ricki Lynn
Tallbird, Sarah Tallbird, Robbin
& Lorraine Santistevan & Family*

To Tribal Membership

I am writing to give correct information and to give more information to you, my fellow Tribal Members.

Mrs. Arlene Millich gave us information regarding the suspension of the Elder Committee. With no disrespect intended, Mrs. Millich has given you all wrong information and I want to correct the information because I feel correct information is better than incorrect information. The biggest correction is that the suspension was done by the power of Chairman Box with the concurrence of the Council present that day. The Chairman is the supervisor over all Committees that are within the Tribal Organization. Barb Scott did

make a motion and Ramona Frost did second, BUT the motion died, which then the Chairman rescinded the motion because of his authority and asked for a concurrence of the Council. Because the motion died, there could not have been a resolution that is a document outlining the authority of the Council to make decisions, which resulted in no official action by the Council.

Mrs. Millich talks about the abuse of people by Barb Scott by making the decision to motion. I see this as Barb doing what she was elected, by the people of the Tribe, to do. Mrs. Millich has admitted that she is rude, demanding and belittles, which constitutes abuse, toward the staff of the Elder Services. She indicated, at the Elder General meeting, that her abusive behavior is to make them "better human beings and she is too busy to visit the elders' home because of her busy casino schedule. So, what is Mrs. Millich indicating when she says this? That she is so much better than the staff that she needs to abuse them to build them up to her standards of a human being? And, as an Elder Committee Member shouldn't her first priority be the Elders? I would definitely like to know what Mrs. Millich means by making the staff "better human beings."

Mrs. Millich accused the Council of not making decisions on the facts and ruling with their emotions. In the General Meeting, it was noted there was substantial documentation to support the suspension. With information that Mrs. Millich provided was done with out knowing all the complete facts, or changing the facts to better suit her intentions based on her emotions because the she sits on the Committee of Elders. I only say this after doing the research and finding the correct information, I believe it is Mrs. Millich who rules with her emotions because she will no longer get pay from her position on the Committee since it has been suspended. She accused the Council of being abusive and ruling with emotions, but that is what she did to sway the Membership in believing her story.

Now, to the let the Membership of more concerns I have regarding the decisions of the Tribal Council. The first being that the Council approved a new contract for employment for the Museum Director without her being held to the terms of her previous employment contract. Remember she is non-Indian, and my previous letter indicated how much Council is favoring non-Indians. This employee has, in the past made sure that Tribal Members with the experience to take her position, as

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Tribal Update

Rabies Vaccinations Available

Southern Ute Animal Control has rabies vaccinations available. Please call to schedule an appointment. Appointments can be made Monday thru Friday 9:00 AM-4:00 PM. We have approximately 80 Shots available and it is FREE to anyone. First come First serve. Again the number you can call to make an appointment is (970) 563-4382

Elder Christmas Project

Attention All interested Southern Ute Tribal member/immediate families. The Southern Ute Extension is in the process of completing the annual Christmas project for the elders 70+ and Foster Care Youth for 2009. If you are interested in working with the Southern Ute Extension Department cutting, sewing and decorating approximately 100 Christmas Stockings. The hours varies, the days to meet is Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursdays. 10:00 am – 3:00 pm. We will meet at the Southern Ute Higher Education Building; the target deadline to complete the stockings is the first week of December. We would like to thank all the volunteers that assisted last year. Last year we made decorated Christmas stockings for the foster care youth, but this year with your help we can include elders, 70+. We appreciate any hours you wish to donate to make Christmas enjoyable for elders and foster care youth. We will have felt, scissors, sewing machine and stocking pattern available. Refreshments will be served. Please contact Ella Louise at (970) 563-0220.

Ignacio Schools “Relay For Life” Teams

Ignacio Schools Relay For Life Teams are hosting a “Curing Cancer With Crafts” Crafts Fair on Saturday, November 14, 2009, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at the Ignacio High School \$10/Booth Space (table included). Bake Sale too: Breakfast Burritos, Navajo Tacos, and other goodies. Art Activities for your children while you shop. Our teams will be participating in the American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life on June 11-12, 2010.

Bagged Leaves For Mulch Available

The Department of Facilities and Property Management has leaves that are bagged up for mulching gardens, if any one is interested. They can contact Ernest Pinnecoose at (970) 563-0100 ext. 2220.

Public Service Announcement Readers Wanted!

Some of you may have heard already that we are looking for some volunteers to read public service announcements about diabetes and health for recordings that can be played periodically on KSUT. We have a few recorded already, but would like to get about 10 more. The recordings only last about 30 seconds to 1 minute. You will be able to say your name if you’d like to, or if you’d rather not that is fine. I am trying to get a variety of community members and staff involved, and we would be very appreciative if you were willing! If you are able to help us with this, please let us know. Lorena Richards, from KSUT, will work with you to find a time in your schedule when you able to stop over to KSUT building to record. She has also offered to come to you at your office if you are not able to get away. Please contact Lorena at Lorena@ksut.org, or call at (970) 563-0255 if you can set up a time for recording.

Seeking Elder’s to SHARE

The Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy is looking for Elder’s to participate in the “Grandparent’s Program”. We invite you to come and share your stories, traditional values, and any talents you may have in art, traditional music, traditional clothing, traditional food, traditional dance or from your life experience. The Ute classroom enjoys involving elders in teaching our children first hand from your hearts! You will be paid a stipend from our Grandparent’s Program Funds, and transportation can be provided if needed. Come and see for yourself what your children are learning and be a part of their future. If you are interested in sharing, please call (970) 563-0253 ext 2701. Thanks for caring enough to share!

Renewable/Conventional Indian Energy Revenues Can Surpass Gaming Profits

*Media Release
Tulsa, OK*

“Indian energy will be bigger than gaming,” said Jim Gray, Principal Chief of the Osage Nation, who was recently named chairman of the Council of Energy Resource Tribes, speaking on the eve of a major CERT event.

But tribal nations must be ready for the changes that can lead to an energy-fueled prosperity that can rival gaming’s current status as a major financial source, he said.

Strategies for the new green economy will be a topic of the annual CERT Indian Energy Solutions Conference to be hosted this year by the Osage Nation Nov. 3 – 5 in Tulsa.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of Colorado will be honored at the joint 30th Annual Spirit Award Dinner for its commitment to working with tribes and tribal communities. Other honorees will be the Ute Tribe of the Uintah and Ouray Reservation of Utah and the Osage Nation for their development of energy resources to achieve self-determination.

Tribes nationwide will be impacted by policies being formulated for the new national

energy economy by President Barack Obama and Congress, and tribes must become adaptive, he said.

Tribal development of conventional oil and gas on Indian lands is a key “to reducing dependence on imports and greatly enhancing the energy security and prosperity for all Americans,” Gray said.

“If done correctly, energy will be bigger than gaming in the Indian economy,” said A. David Lester, CERT executive director. “If not, it could follow the downward path of energy development in the past.”

CERT believes that tribal lands contain a full 25 percent of known oil and gas resources in the continental United States, although they yield only about 4 to 6 percent of domestic onshore oil and gas production. Of equal importance, tribal lands also offer vast potential for solar and wind energy.

“Not one tribe has been able to launch a viable tribal economy when all it’s done is lease its resources,” Lester said. “Tribal economies develop when the tribes get their act together—that’s when tribes are empowered to control their own destiny.”

Specific topics at the conference will include working with the new Department of the

Interior Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development, reforming federal policy, mobilizing a trained and educated workforce, developing green energy potential, extracting more production from old oil fields and improving tribal electrical service.

The conference will take place at the Tulsa Marriott Southern Hills. The CERT American Spirit Award Dinner will be at Tulsa’s Gilcrease Museum, where the 2009 American Spirit Award will be presented to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and the Mary G. Ross Award to John E. Echohawk, executive director of the Native American Rights Fund, for his contribution as an indigenous leader.

The annual dinner celebrates the growing cooperative relationship between industry and Indian Tribes. It raises money for Indian education and has provided assistance to more than 1,000 Indian youth to date.

CERT’s membership includes 53 tribes and Canadian First Nations. Founded in 1975, it is the oldest and largest tribal energy coalition among Indian energy groups that have asked the Obama administration to include tribal lands and resources in planning for U.S. energy independence.

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stated in her previous contract, not be allowed to work for the Museum. She has ignored Tribal Member applications and recruited a person from Oregon to take the position for which a Tribal Member with experience has applied. Then a question is, why has the Council allowed the Museum to become a 501c3? Again, the answer she is a non-Indian employee. She did not like the Tribe, which the Museum is to “benefit” having control so she advocated for the status of being a non-profit and the Council allowed the status. So, my recommendation to the Tribe and the Museum is to make her fund raise, like all other non-profits, and give back the Tribe all the MILLIONS that it cost to have Museum built for her benefit. All Tribal Members reading this need to determine if these decisions are in the best interest of the Tribal Members. As a Tribal Member, I say it is not.

Another issue is the dress of the employees of the Tribe. I do have contact with people on the national level of Indian Country, Councils of other tribes and the state level. It is these individuals who have approached me and asked if there was a dress code for the Tribe because the women there dress sleazy! I am ashamed, as a woman and a Tribal Member to have heard the comments regarding these women they knew by name. Examples are of upper body parts that are falling out their shirts and pants so tight that body parts are seen as if there are no pants on! After viewing these individuals myself when I went home, I am more embarrassed for them because they are supposed to be in professional positions and are being talked about like this on the National Level!! This is an administrative issue, so, my question to the Council is where is the dress code and if it is not working, then revise it? Or do you like to look at these women and that is why you don’t say anything about their dress when they come before you in the Council Chambers or when you see them in the Tribal Offices? I think it is disrespectful to the organization as a Tribe to have women dress in this manner and well as disrespectful as a woman to dress like that in a work place. At the least, they should be charged with Sexual Harassment. When a tribal employee is working they should dress with respect and modesty because they are representing the tribe and when they are on their own time, they can dress as they wish.

I was home last Friday and flew back that same day. While at the airport, I overheard a conversation of a Tribal employee’s, from Wildlife Conservation – because he discussed what his father does for the Tribe, child talking about the Tribe and the money the Tribe and its members get. One part of the conversation I took to heart was how much his father made from the Tribe and he was describing the house he father had built. I was thinking about how a Tribal Member would NEVER own a home like this because they will never make that kind of money working for the Tribe, it is only the non-Indians that will ever get good money from the Tribe.

In this conversation, because he was being a good citizen and sharing the information with others, he used the “F” word in front of “Southern Ute Tribe” on more than one occasion. Then he talked about how he and a friend of his had worked for the Tribe as well. He was intoxicated and getting more loud and belligerent almost fighting with women and continuing to talk about money of the Tribe. I sat there and listened to him for about 45 minutes and then left. It is sad that employees and their families benefit from the Tribe through employment, but yet can sit there and criticize the Tribe to no end. It is these types of

non-Indian employees that do not need to be working for the Tribe because they do not appreciate the fact they have employment and income because of the Tribe. Some Tribal Members do not even have a job because the Tribe will not hire them!

So, Tribal Members, how do you think we are going to take back our Tribe and have EVERYONE who works for us be held accountable and held to a higher standard than the present? I say for ALL of us to start asking questions and demanding the Council take action to rid our Tribe of the garbage!!

Shelly Thompson

SMDP Thanks

The Shining Mountain Diabetes Program and Health Services Department would like to thank all people involved with the Fifth Annual ‘49’ Pow-Wow that was held on Saturday October 24, 2009. We appreciate all of you who attended, supported our fund raising efforts, brought potluck items, danced, and volunteered to help out.

We especially would like to thank our generous donors and sponsors for the event, including: Ms. Dell Soloman, Mr. Tooley Box, Councilwoman Marge Borst, Mr. Andrew Frost, Mr. Howard Richards, Southern Ute Housing Authority, Sky Ute Casino, SunUte Community Center and the Sleeping Ute Diabetes Program - Ute Mountain Ute Tribe.

Our program was also proud to have the Southern Ute Veteran’s Group participate in the event, including Mr. Roderick Grove, Mr. Howard Richards, Mr. Rudley Weaver, and Mr. Larry Tucker. Also we appreciated the representation from members of the Southern Ute Royalty, including Amaya Bison, Autumn Medicine Blanket, Alexandria Roubideaux, and D’Vondra Garcia, and thanks to Ms. Jennifer Goodtracks, Royalty Committee Chairperson for making arrangements.

And of course we appreciate the hard work of all our Head Staff and Drum Groups, including, Mr. Andrew Frost, Head Gourd Dancer; Mr. Pat Trujillo, Emcee; Mr. Bruce LeClaire, Arena Director; Host Northern Drum, Shiprock Agency (c/o Michael King) and Host Southern Drum, Southern Mountain Intertribal (c/o Mr. Alfred Wall). We could not have heard properly without the wonderful sound system set up of Mr. Eddie Box, Jr. and Mrs. Betty Box through Sandman/Hummingbird Productions.

Others we would like to thank include Mr. Steve Whiteman, Wildlife Division Head for donating elk tags for raffle; Mr. Chris Olguin, Bison herd manager, for donating bison meat for the meal, SunUte Community Center Staff, for allowing use of facility and staffing, and Dr. James Jefferson for leading prayer. Thank you also to Mr. Norman Lansing for donating a beautiful piece of artwork ‘Tracks’ for our raffle.

We could not have done it without the help of our volunteers, Ms. Evangeline Gray, Mr. John Schaub, Shiri Howell, DeWayne Richards, Natalie Bravo, and Radona Tom. Thanks also to Robert Ortiz and Jeremy Shockley for being involved in the event, and to Gloria Frost and Dorothy Wing for help with our banner and signs.

Thank you again to all Health Services Staff, including Debra Herrera, Robb Goodtracks, Sabrina Huntington, Tooley Box, Gloria Casias-Mounts, Sharon Baker, Nida Vargas, and Katherine Stanfill for help and support throughout the event and in all fund raising efforts.

The winners of our elk tag raffle were Mr. Ron Baird and Ms. Shelly Faris. Thank you to all who purchased tickets or donated.

This community powwow was an enjoyable event, and is again a

reminder of the importance of awareness and education about diabetes among Native peoples. A special honor dance, led by Councilwoman Marge Borst, was held for people who are affected by diabetes and as a memorial for people who have passed on due to diabetes. Please take time to understand the risk factors for diabetes, work to prevent it from occurring, and to manage diabetes if it has started.

Diabetes is serious and it’s hard work managing it every day. But there’s hope. If you keep your blood glucose as close to normal as is safe for you – what is called your target range- you can reduce your chance of serious health problems. It is worth the effort.

It’s easier to manage your diabetes if you set goals and make a plan. Pick things that you want and believe you can do, such as walking 30 minutes per day. Ask for help from friends or family. See your health care team for regular diabetes check-ups.

Also, keeping your blood pressure and cholesterol under control can lower your risk for heart attacks and other diabetes complications.

Managing your diabetes is not easy, but it’s worth it. National Diabetes Education Program; (www.YourDiabetesInfo.org)

*Sincerely,
Shining Mountain Diabetes
Program Staff*

Borst Appreciation

I would like to express my sincere appreciation of this year’s 49 Powwow sponsored by the Shining Mountain Diabetes Program. The effort and work involved in organizing a powwow takes dedication. All one has to do is ask the Southern Ute Powwow Committee what all is involved in putting on a superb event.

Every year the 49 powwow surpasses the previous year and this year was no exception. Raising awareness about diabetes and how we can manage blood glucose by making healthy food choices and being physically active such as round dancing, will create a healthy lifestyle. Thank you Julie Olexia, Henry Sun Eagle, and the staff of Health Services.

*Council Lady,
Marge Borst*

To My Carnala, My Best Friend, My Homie Till The End...

Ray-Ray as we grow older we learn that being family means more than being people who just share a last name or a family tree. Family are those people who are there for each other when times get tough, those who listen with out judgment, who always wants what is best for each other, those who love beyond mistakes and care beyond distance.

It’s those who seek each other but when few others would understand. It’s those who are always the first in our thoughts, the last who we’d every want to disappoint. Familia are those people we couldn’t do without, people like you Carnala.

And as we grow older we realize just how much these people mean in our lives and just how much they always have regardless of how many haterz always haste. Always remember the happiest people don’t necessarily have the best of every thing; they just make the most of everything that comes their way. Happiness lives for those who have cried, those who have hurt, those who have searched and those who have tried for only they can appreciate the importance of people who have touched their lives the way you have mine. May God bless you with many more birthdays Ray-Ray! I will always have your back through thick and thin till the wheels fall off.

With lots of love and my upmost respect love your carnal for vida,

Mr. Wicho Perez

Tribal Thanksgiving Dinner Delivery Notice

The Elder Services Division will be delivering Thanksgiving Dinner to the Elderly, Handicapped and Disabled on **November 14, 2009** for the Annual Tribal Thanksgiving Dinner for those who are unable to be in attendance at the Sky Ute Casino Resort Event Center. If you would like a meal delivered, **please contact** the Elders Services Division to be included on the delivery list at (970) 563-0100 **no later than Thursday, November 12, 2009.**



Of Four Corners Interest

Computer and Electronics Recycling Event

In celebration of America Recycles Day, the City of Durango and San Juan Basin Recycling Association will collect unwanted electronics for recycling on Friday, November 13th and Saturday, November 14th from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Durango Recycle Center. The recycle center is located at 710 Tech Center Drive. Residents, businesses, government agencies and schools are invited to participate. The cost for disposal ranges from \$15-\$25 for televisions and monitors to \$5 for CPU's, scanners and fax machines. Large office equipment will cost \$0.25 per pound. Other miscellaneous items including keyboards, mice, power cords and cell phones will be collected free of charge. Those bringing large volumes are asked to call (970) 375-5004 to schedule an appointment and bring a detailed inventory list to the event.

Understanding Dyslexia

The International Dyslexia Association, Rocky Mountain Branch-Durango presents psychologist Dr. Douglas Miller on the topic of social and emotional challenges of students with dyslexia plus strategies to build self confidence through self advocacy. Tuesday, November 17, 2009, 7:00p.m. to 8:30p.m., Hampton Inn, 3777 Main Avenue.

Digital Camera Classes Offered

- **How to Buy a Digital Camera:** November 17 - Wanting to buy a digital camera and don't know what to choose? What makes, what features, what price, where?? This class is for you. A discussion of point & shoot digital cameras and digital SLR's will be covered. Try to come knowing what you might want to shoot with the camera you buy. Time: 6 to 7pm. Cost: \$5
- **Level 1 Camera Basics & Design Elements:** November 19 - This class is designed for the person just starting in digital photography. We will look at composition & what makes a good photograph, getting to know the camera & basic settings, how to download, archive & put images into print or online. Time: 6:00 to 8:00pm. Cost: \$30
- **Level 2 Camera Controls & Creative Composition:** November 21 - Our second class is for those who want to know more about composition & creative photography, plus learn more about using the manual settings on the camera such as white balance, ISO, aperture/shutter speed, etc. After going over the camera we will shoot & practice using these controls. Archiving & getting images to print or online will also be covered. Time: 1:00 to 5:00. Cost: \$60

The classes will be held at the Cortez Cultural Center at 25 North Market in Cortez. Interested participants need to call Janet Chanay at 970-560-2167. Deadline for registration is November 10

Chapman Hill Offers Youth "Learn to Skate" Program

Youth "Learn to Skate" lessons are offered Tuesdays through Saturdays until April 2010, and are available to children ages 3 to 15 years old. Sign up for as many days as you would like at the time that corresponds with your child's skill level. Call Chapman Hill at (970) 375-7395 for specific times and to sign up your child for the "Learn to Skate" program. Limited space is available, so call today to reserve your spot.

Fort Lewis College-Native American Center

- NAC Speaker Series – Lloyd Elm PH.D (Iroquois) will present a free public presentation on November 12, 2009. Yvonne Bilinski is contact person (970) 247-7222
- Dr. Peterson Zah will be on campus as Elder-In-Residence, November 16-18, 2009. Dr. Zah will present a free public talk on Tuesday evening November 17, 2009 as Southwest Center. Frank Begay Jr is contact person (970) 247-7292.

FreeWorkshop - Join other parents and educators

Get answers to these questions and more:

- How can accommodations and modifications help my child in the general education classroom?
- What are some tools and strategies both families and educators can use so students are successful?
- How are accommodations and modifications included in IEPs?

Topic: Accommodations and Modifications to Curriculum:

Assuring Meaningful Participation in General Education Classrooms. Monday, November 16, 2009, 5:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Free dinner and time to network/chat. 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Workshop. Escalante Middle School, 141 Baker Lane, Durango, CO 81303. Also: 2.5 Contact Hour certificate. Childcare available. Contact Kathi Fischer at (970) 247-3261 ext. 1107 to request these services by November 11, 2009. Everyone in the South West area is welcome! Please visit PEAK Parent Center's website for additional information: www.peakparent.org/workshops. Se Habla Español!

PowWow Trails 2009

Colorado State University PowWow November 7, 2009

Lory Student Center • Fort Collins, CO
Contact: Delbert Willie (970) 310-4836
Email: csuaises@yahoo.com
Web: www.engr.colostate.edu/aises

23rd Annual Red Mountain Eagle PowWow November 7-8, 2009

1839 N. Longmore Road • Scottsdale, AZ
Contact: Connie Carlisle (480) 577-9460
Email: CarlisleCE@aol.com

United Native Council Veterans PowWow November 14, 2009

600 Wyoming NE • Albuquerque, NM
Contact: Susan Eswonia (505) 514-3233
Email: unitednativecouncil@yahoo.com
Web: unitednativecouncil.com

6th Annual Las Vegas Intertribal PowWow November 14 - 15, 2009

6800 E. Russell Rd. • Las Vegas, NV
Contact: Herb McCabe (702) 481-3237
Email: hmccabe23@yahoo.com
Web: www.lvintertribalpowwow.com

28th Orme Dam Victory Days PowWow November 20, 2009

Beeline Hwy and Rodeo Grounds • Fort McDowell, AZ
Contact: Roberta Camacho (480) 789-4793
Email: rcamacho@fmcasino.com
Web: www.ftmcdowell.org/communityevents/ormedam09/powwow

Utah Valley University Contest Powow November 20 - 21, 2009

800 West University Parkway • Orem, UT
Contact: Ken Sekaquaptewa/Angela Crank (801) 863-7276
Email: sekaquake@uvu.edu

Northern Ute Tribe Thanksgiving PowWow November 26 - 28, 2009

Fort Duchesne Gym • Fort Duchesne, Utah
Contact: Mariah Cuch (435) 722-8541
Email: mariahc@utetribe.com

Many Moons Ago



Photo Archives/DRUM

10 years ago...

Dorothy Naranjo explains the details about this doll to seniors from Villanova University in Pennsylvania. Students were working at navajo State park and visiting the reservation on October 20, 1999, where Dorothy gave them a very informative presentation on Ute Culture.

This photo was published in the November 5, 1999 issue of the Southern Ute Drum.



Photo Archives/DRUM

20 years ago...

On October 25, 1989 the Wildlife Conservation Department conducted a Guide and Outfitting meeting for Tribal members.

This photo was published in the November 9, 1989 issue of the Southern Ute Drum.



Photo Archives/DRUM

30 years ago...

Ignacio High School volleyball team at the Sub-Districts in the St. mary Gym in Colorado Springs. Left to right: (kneeling) Kristi Rea, Michele Lucero, Carmela Quintana, Jeanette Quintana and Kelli Kasi. Backrow: Coach Jan Ferguson, Benita Wright, Cheryl West, Lisa Lucero, Robbi Jefferson, Marlene Peabody and Tina Mestas.

This photo was published in the November 9, 1979 issue of the Southern Ute Drum.

Tribal Offices Will Be Closed, Wed., Nov. 11, 2009
In Observance of Veteran's Day
Tribal Offices will resume business Thur., Nov. 12, 2009 at 8 am.



Ute Language

Pinunnuchì "Southern Ute"

Mog'wataviçwaachì "Northern Ute"

Wiimanuuchì "Ute Mountain Ute"

Editor's Note: The Ute Language and "Translation" are transcribed from the 2000 Ute Dictionary, ©1996



Halloween Spirits Fly High On Tribal Campus



photo Amy Barry/SUPR Dept.



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No one can argue that the Tribe takes Halloween events very seriously! Nearly every office on Tribal Campus decorated their halls, school children from Southern Ute Headstart and Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy made the rounds with Trick or Treat bags to fill, and the Halloween Carnival at the SunUte Community Center, sponsored by SUPD brought out some of the best costumes in the community! Meanwhile the Sky Ute Casino Resort's Events Center held it's own "cash prize" Halloween contest with Podium winnings from \$1,000 down! Tribal council held it's own contest encouraging outrageous attire for all employees to compete for prizes, followed by a reception in the Hall of Warriors in the LCB Building.

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photo Amy Barry/SUPR Dept.





Southern Ute Health Center: “H1N1 Flu Info For Diabetics”

by **Dr. Larron Dolence**
Clinical Pharmacist

It is obvious from all the news reports the cold and flu season has arrived and seems to have appeared sooner than normal. Not only are we battling everything from the common cold to the regular flu, we are now having to worry about the Swine or H1N1 flu. Currently, the H1N1 flu is more active than the regular flu according to the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). What does this mean for those patients who have diabetes? In the past, you may recall your health care professionals warned you about the flu and its consequences recommending you to get a flu shot. But what should you do if you do get sick? There are several basic things you should do if you have diabetes and catch the flu.

When a person becomes sick, their body begins to attack the foreign substance whether it is a virus or bacteria. As this happens stress hormones are released throughout the body. Although this is a normal response to help you fight off the infection, it causes your blood sugars to go up. Higher blood sugars can cause more fluid loss through increased urination. This can lead to dehydration. If the flu causes an increase in your body temperature,

dehydration can get worse leading to diabetic patients becoming more sick and needing hospitalization. You can do several things to prevent this from occurring. First, keep taking your medications or insulin as prescribed. Even if you are not eating or keeping anything down, this is important because of the stress hormones can cause your blood sugars to rise. Always make sure to monitor your blood sugars and contact your health care team if you become light headed, or dizzy because you may be experiencing low blood sugars. The second thing you should do is prevent dehydration by drinking plenty of fluids. Adequate fluid intake consists of drinking about 8 ounces of clear fluid every hour while awake. Thirdly, if you are unable to keep any food down, try eating soft foods like bread or crackers. This is important because your body needs about fifteen grams of carbohydrate every hour. If you cannot tolerate soft food the American Diabetes Association (ADA) says you can even drink fluids that contain calories like regular cola or 7-up, tea with honey, warmed-up liquid Jell-O, popsicles, Gatorade or broth. These home remedies that your Grandmother or Mother may have made for you as a sick youngster not only provide some calories but work well at calming the stomach because of their high sugar content. If your blood sugars are

already high, it is then best to substitute these liquids with sugar-free products of similar choice. Checking your blood sugar is even more important when you are sick and you should increase how often you check them. Patients not on insulin should check it up to four times a day and those on insulin should check it about every 4 hours. If something does not seem right, be sure to check it right then. Finally, you should contact your health care provider if any of the following things happen or increase: vomiting for more than one day, diarrhea more than 5 times or for longer than 6 hours, temperature greater than 101 F, blood sugars over 300 mg/dl for more than one day, feeling drowsy or faint, abdominal pain or unusual pain, sickness for more than 2 days, or difficulty breathing. You can contact your health team at (970) 563-4581 during business hours or at 1-877-215-9635 after hours to receive additional information. Remember, you know your body best and our health care team is here to help you as we partner together to begin restoring wellness to everyone.

Dr. Larron Dolence is a Clinical Pharmacist Board Certified in Advanced Diabetes Management practicing at the Southern Ute Health Center.

The Kidney Corner: “Diet For People With CKD”

by **Dr. Mark Saddler, MD**
Durango Nephrology Associates

“I have chronic kidney disease. What kind of diet should I follow?” There is no single answer to this commonly asked question. However, diet is very important in people with chronic kidney disease (CKD) as we shall see. First, we need to consider the cause of the CKD. For example, if diabetes is the cause, then a diabetic diet is needed. This is usually low in sugar and should have a balanced proportion of calories from proteins, fats and some carbohydrates. Obesity is also closely linked to CKD and a calorie restricted diet can help to preserve kidney function for those of us who need to lose a little weight. Atherosclerosis, the process of cholesterol buildup in the blood vessels, is also a common accompaniment to CKD, and for people with high cholesterol, a low saturated fat/low cholesterol diet is needed. And for patients with hypertension (high blood pressure), a low salt diet can help bring the blood pressure down. Many patients have several of these conditions, which can require simultaneous restriction of sugar, saturated



fats and salt. Although these restrictions may not necessarily preserve kidney function independently, their contribution to controlling the underlying disease is extremely valuable in slowing progression of kidney disease. Second, different stages of kidney disease require different approaches to diet. Less severe stages of kidney disease usually don't require much diet restriction other than paying attention to the issues noted in the last paragraph. A majority of patients with kidney disease have hypertension, so sodium (salt) restriction is usually needed; restricting salt also helps to reduce the tendency to ankle swelling associated with some forms of kidney disease. More advanced kidney disease

may result in accumulation of various substances in the blood as a result of the failure of the kidneys to excrete them. Potassium, for example, can accumulate dangerously, potentially causing heart rhythm disturbances. This may require restriction of foods high in potassium, for example melons, tomatoes, peaches, bananas, oranges and green chile. Phosphate is another example of an electrolyte which can accumulate in patients with kidney disease. It is found in meat, dairy products, nuts and sodas with cola. (Please note that none of these lists are intended to be complete!) It's important to remember, however, that not all patients with kidney disease have an excess of these substances and they should only be restricted in those for whom the levels are high. So an individual approach to diet is necessary, with a diet suited to a given patient's specific needs. In other words, there is no such thing as a single “kidney diet” that is suitable for all patients with kidney disease. If you are in doubt, ask your doctor if any dietary restriction/s are needed for you. And try to remember that a healthy diet, low in fat, salt and sugar is good for everyone, not just those with kidney disease.

Youth Adult Partnerships Scheduled In Durango and Ignacio

Media Release
Bridges To Success Program

Youth and adults from across LaPlata County who are part of or interested in developing youth-adult partnerships in their organizations, are invited to attend one of two roundtable discussions next week. These discussions will focus on what's working for successful youth-adult partnerships, what challenges organizations face in starting a partnership, and how community groups can work together. Examples of youth-adult partnerships include youth advisory councils in local agencies and youth serving as active board members for area non-profit organizations. The roundtable discussions will be held from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. on November 8 at the Durango Community Recreation Center, and from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. on November 9 at the SunUte Community Center in Ignacio. Each discussion will be followed by a free dinner, and by a youth development workshop

on the adolescent brain.

The events are sponsored by the La Plata County Children, Youth and Families Master Plan Transition Team, Durango School District 9 R Healthy Schools Initiative, San Juan Basin Health Department, Sun Ute Community Center and the Colorado Youth Development Team.

Free Workshop for Parents, Teens, Educators and Youth Service Providers on the Adolescent Brain

A free workshop about the adolescent brain is being offered in English and Spanish in Durango and Ignacio on November 8 and 9. Designed for parents, teens, and all adults who work with or are concerned about La Plata County youth, “It's All in Your Head: Positive Youth Development and the Adolescent Brain” provides the latest research on adolescent brain development and helpful tips and ideas for helping young people grow and develop in healthy ways.

Participants will leave reenergized to focus on teens' strengths and armed with great tips and ideas for:

Improving communication; Establishing and respecting clear boundaries and expectations; and Helping young people stay safe and thrive!

The workshops will be preceded by a free community dinner. The event is free, but registration is required. The Durango event will be November 8 at the Durango Community Recreation Center, and the Ignacio event will be held November 9 at the Sun Ute Community Center in Ignacio. Dinner will be served from 6:00 to 6:30, and the workshops will be held from 6:30 to 8:15 p.m. Child care will be provided.

The workshop will be presented by the training team at Assets for Colorado Youth, a Denver-based non profit, and the event is hosted by the La Plata County Children, Youth and Family Master Plan Transition Team; Durango School District 9-R Healthy Schools Initiative; the San Juan Basin Health Department; and the SunUte Community Center.

For more information or to register, please call Jenny Bruell at (970) 764-5723.

Media Release
Tribal Health Department

The Southern Ute Health Center continues to follow the Center for Disease Control's (CDC) recommendations regarding vaccination and treatment of H1N1 (Swine) Influenza. As more information becomes available regarding H1N1, the vaccine, and antiviral medications, the recommendations are updated and the tribal health programs implement them as they become available. The CDC recommends a three-step approach to addressing the situation including prevention (i.e. good hand washing), vaccination, and antiviral medications.

Since October 12, 2009, the health center has received 420 doses of H1N1 vaccine, which is only 15% of the doses needed to vaccinate the entire health center's active users. This includes both intranasal (inhaled) and intramuscular (injection) vaccine. The initial supply of vaccine has been given to pregnant women, persons who live with or

provide care for infants aged < 6 months, health-care and emergency medical services personnel, children aged 6 months to 4 years, and children and adolescents aged 5 to 18 years who have medical conditions that put them at higher risk for influenza related complications. In addition to providing vaccination at the clinic, health center and academy staff provided vaccination to children enrolled at the academy. On November 2, 2009, the health center began giving vaccine to persons aged 25 to 64 years who have medical conditions that put them at higher risk for influenza-related complications and persons aged 5 years to 24 years. High-risk conditions include but are not limited to persons with immunosuppression, disorders compromising respiratory tract function (i.e. asthma), heart, kidney, liver, blood disorders and metabolic disease (i.e. diabetes). Health center staff is contacting patients in these initial target groups by telephone and through home visits to schedule a vaccination appointment. It is impor-

tant for patient's to update their address and telephone numbers annually and any time they change to ensure health center staff can reach you.

Antiviral medications, Tamiflu and Relenza, are being used to reduce the severity and duration of sickness from H1N1 as well as reduce flu-related complications. The newest antiviral medication Peramivir IV received an emergency use authorization approval from the Food and Drug Administration on October 23, 2009. When antiviral treatment is necessary, it has been reported to be most effective if started within the first two days of illness. However, most recently some studies of hospitalized patients are showing possible benefits when antivirals were started after 48 hours from symptom onset. The CDC does warn the treatment regimens can change due to resistance – the drug becoming ineffective.

Additional information is available by calling the CDC at 1-800-232-4636 and the Colorado Health Line at 1-877-462-2911.

Walking For Wellness



photo Robert Ortiz/SU DRUM

The Shining Mountain Diabetes program held a Wellness Walk on the morning of Saturday, October 24, 2009 as part of the events of the day which included the 5th Annual “49” PowWow held at the SunUte Community Center; later that evening. See page 12 of this issue to see more “49” PowWow photos.

Farewell To McKinnis



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Dr. Valerie McKinnis served as a family practice physician at the Southern Ute Health Center from September 2007 to November 2009. She was employed by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and assigned to the health center. She provided outstanding service and started the women's health program. Dr. McKinnis has accepted a position at the Northern Navajo Medical Center, which allows her to work fewer days per week in order to spend more time with her family. Southern Ute Tribal Council honored McKinnis with a Pendleton blanket and thanked her for her dedication to the Tribe on Friday, October 30, 2009. Pictured above, Councilman Steve Herrera shakes hands with Dr. McKinnis.



Ignacio Library News & Events

“A cool place to check out!”

Story Contest

During the month of October and the first part of November we are inviting stories. The theme of the story contest is “This is where I live...”. Stories can be of any length. Illustrations are welcome additions to the stories. Prizes will be awarded for first, second, third for Adults, Teens and Children. The contest entries need to be submitted to the library by November 10. Prizes will be announced November 16. The hope is that there will be enough entries that we can publish a book to be housed in the library.

Ignacio Seniors Visit

Library staff will be at the Senior Center at lunch time on Tuesday, November 17th. Stop by, get a library card, check out a book, audio book or movie, pickup a magazine or pocket book, and learn about upcoming library programs.

From Library Board

The next regular meeting of the Ignacio Community Library District Board of Trustees will be Wednesday, Nov 11th, 2009, at 5:00 pm. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend. Knitting News: The Knitting Group meets every Tues. from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. The knitting group is pleased that Blair Qualls will be knitting a large Christmas stocking for the Taste of Christmas raffle. Come by and enjoy knitting with an excellent and entertaining group of knitters!

Ignacio Community Historical Society

The Historical Society is asking the community for items to include in the library’s display case for December. Items needed by December 1st include: old Christmas ornaments, old Christmas photos and old cameras. You may deliver items to the library or the Historical Society will pick up items. Please contact Patti Clark (970) 563-4060. The Historical Society will be hosting a “Lunch & Listen” event at 11:30 am on Thursday, Dec. 10th, 2009 in the Butch McClanahan Community Room. Lunch will be served. More details will follow in the December newsletter.

October Donations

Total money donation was \$125.80. Item donations were 56 books, 12 DVDs and 14 magazines. Donation of 11 copies of Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian by Sherman Alexie from Little Brown and Company. We want your suggestions. Suggestion box is located next to the copy machine.

New Fiction Titles

13 1/2 by Nevada Barr
The Double Jack Murders by Patrick F. McManus
Eleventh Victim by Nancy Grace
Rough Country by John Sandford
The Scoop by Fern Michaels
The Spire: A Novel by Richard Patterson
Widow’s Revenge by James D. Doss
Scarpetta Factor by Patricia Cornwell

Non-Fiction Titles

Play How It Shapes the Brain by Stuart Brown, M.D.
Crazy Faith by Susan K. Williams Smith
Last Child In the Woods by Richard Louv
Born To Win by Kevin Leman
Everyday Survival by Laurence Gonzales
Have A New Kid By Friday by Kevin Leman
The Murder of King Tut by James Patterson
True Compass: A Memoir by Edward M. Kennedy
What the Dog Saw by Malcolm Gladwell

Book of the Month

In her most accomplished novel, Barbara Kingsolver takes us on an epic journey from the Mexico City of artists Diego Rivera and Frida Kahlo to the America of Pearl Harbor, FDR, and J. Edgar Hoover. The Lacuna is a poignant story of a man. For more information on this book, check out the Book Browse on our library website. We also have brochures available with information on this book and much more information about the library.

New DVD’s

Crazy Horse
Mail Order Bride
Return of the Outlaws
Prey
Santa and Pete
The Ballad of Cable Hogue
The Proud and Damned
The Wild Bunch

Teen Scene

Upcoming Events
Nov. 9, 4:15 pm, Hip Hop Performance
Nov. 23, Wii Tournament
Nov. 24, Charades
Nov. 25, Turkey Cookie Making
Nov. 26, Happy Thanksgiving
Nov. 27, Movie, TBA
All other events start at 3:30 p.m. Snacks will be provided. Prizes will be awarded

Winners are...

Computer Trivia - Ronnie Kinsey
Library Book Scavenger Hunt - Kylie Bell & Alexis Tyner
Wii Tournament - Lydia Chavez

Do You Like To Blog?

Tell the internet world about cool books you have read and have them posted on the library blog website. To view library blogs: (www.iclbookblogs.blogspot.com)

October Blog Winner

Kiara Raby is the October Book Blog winner. Her book review is titled Switched by R.L. Stine. Next Blog drawing will be Nov. 25th. For each blog you write, you will receive a prize.

Hip-Hop Workshop

On Nov. 9th at 4:15 p.m. in the Ignacio Community Library, the Boys and Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. There will be a performance showcasing music, film and writing. In this workshop, Hip Hop will be viewed as a form of media as many of the first rappers intended. Hip-Hop was first used and is still used to tell communities and societies what goes on in the lives of youth, ghettos, reservations, and marginalized communities.

Library Closed

The Ignacio Community Library will be closed Thursday, November 26, for Thanksgiving.

New Books

Betrayed by P.C. Cast & Kristin Cast
Chosen by P.C. Cast & Kristin Cast
City of the Beasts by Isabel Allende
The Dangerous Days of DanielX by James Patterson & Michael Ledwidge
Luv Ya by Lauren Myracle
LIFE Greatest Unsolved Mysteries by Editors of Life Magazine
Writing for Comics and Graphic Novels by Peter David

Kids Zone

Preschool Story Time
Every Wednesday, 10 am
Come enjoy the fun of the literacy-enhanced story time. On Wednesday Nov. 25th, we will make a turkey cookie for the Thanksgiving Table.

Family Lego Night
Tue., Nov., 24, 4:00 - 6:30 pm.
Start the holiday season off with family time.

Family Movie
Fri, November 27, 2:00 pm
In the Community Room.

Taste of Christmas

11th Annual Ignacio Taste of Christmas is going to be on December 4th at the Ignacio Elementary School Gym. Please come and join the fun for the whole family. Christmas caroling, good food, free cookies and hot chocolate, Santa pictures, and crafts for the kids. This year’s theme will be: “Christmas Around the World”

Friends of the Library

Friends of the Ignacio Community Library will have a booth at the Taste of Christmas on December 4th. We have our new canvas library bags on sale. On the night of the Taste of Christmas, we will have some of these bags stuffed full of great stuff to enjoy. You may buy chances to win one of these bags. Chances will be on sale at the Taste of Christmas for \$1.00 each. The drawing will be held that night. All money goes to help our library with programs and new books. If you have something you would like to donate to put in the bag, please let Dixie Cook know at the library (970) 563-9287.

Happy Thanksgiving

To all from the Library Board and Staff of The Ignacio Community Library.

Meet The Artists Reception

An artists’ reception will be held on Friday, November 20, from 4:30 - 6:30pm. Come to hear about the art and the inspiration.

Native American Month

November is Native American Heritage Month. Ignacio Library will be having Native American Story Time call the library for dates and times.

SU Education Department News

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Education Center phone: (970) 563-0237

Patsy Hood: Intermediate Teacher/Tutor, the after school program is Math Club. Math Club Sessions begin after school and ends at 4:45. 5th grade - Mondays 6th grade - Tuesdays 4th grade - Parents will receive a letter to sign up in next 2 weeks.

Julie Stone: Junior High School Teacher/Tutor. Tutoring Monday through Thursday (7th & 8th) after school until 5pm at the Education Center.

Barbara Cummins: High School Teacher/Tutor.

Monday - Thursday 3:35 to 5:45 pm, in Room #4 Ms. Searle’s room. For appointment call (970) 563-0235 ext. 2795.

The Southern Ute Tribe Adult Education Department would like to announce GED Test dates for the next year. Registration forms are available at The Pine River Community Learning Center or The Southern Ute Tribe Department of Education on Burns Ave. Registration is due by the Tuesday before each test which is on the first Friday of every month.

Test Dates Are:

December 4
January 8
February 5
March 5
April 2
May 7
June 4

July 9

The Department of Education is the official GED Testing Center in Ignacio and students are encouraged to attend Pine River Community Learning Center to prepare for the test. Call Donna Broad at (970) 563-0237 or (970) 749-1953 for more information.

The Indian Policy and Procedures Parent meeting between the Ignacio School District, Southern Ute Tribal and Native American parents will be held on Tuesday, November 17 at 6:00 or 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of Ignacio High School. At this meeting, District personnel will present information to the Tribal Council and the parents/guardians, of Native American students in school programs and activities.

2009 Four Corners Corrections Education Forum (FCCEF)

Media Advisory

Pine River Community Learning Center

Four Corners Corrections Education Forum
Thursday, November 19, 2009
9:00 am to 3:00 pm
(lunch provided)

Hosted by the Pine River Community Learning Center
Ignacio, Colorado

The Four Corners Corrections Education Forum (FCCEF) is an annual event sponsored by education professionals in southwest Colorado, drawing together diverse organizations and agencies, public, judicial and administrative offices to discuss ongoing efforts of offender remediation and reentry. At once a means to synthesize and coordinate our

work, the Forum aims to provide a window to share and network, articulate core problems and develop synergy, enhance people’s growth and promote research for informed policymaking.

Over the past 3 years FCCEF’s focus on the unique context of programs in our nearby, rural jails (county and tribal) has led to initial formations for a regional and perhaps interstate corrections education network, which could deal more effectively with recidivism and intergenerational illiteracy. Discussion at last year’s Forum proposed creation of a tri-county panel to identify ways of filling current, common gaps in corrections programming—namely, funds, space, staff, and documentable “results.” This year aims to expand the circuit, and devise

preliminary actions.

With our network of administrators, public officials, judicial authorities, social service and probation agencies, police and sheriff departments—as well as colleges, trade schools, and professional associations—those of us working in corrections hope to obtain enriched results on all sides. We hope an exchange on common issues may at least forge new understandings and alliances. Above all, we hope to impact lives for the better in our communities.

Please join us! For more information or the latest agenda, please contact Scott Baker, Corrections Coordinator, at the PRCLC offices: (970) 563-0681 or by email, sbaker@prclc.org. You can also visit our website for details: www.prclc.org.

Lighting A Candle of Hope



photo Robert Ortiz/SU DRUM

our Sisters Keeper Coalition held a candlelight vigil on Tuesday, October 27, 2009 in the Hall of Warriors of the Leonard C. Burch Building. The candlelight vigil was in recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month and to remember those who have been victimized. The vigil brought together many people, all of whom share the same vision of seeing an end to domestic violence, by shining a light onto Domestic Violence, which is often kept in the dark. Eddie Box, Jr., passes his flame to Devon Puerto and Rowan Griffin.

Jury Service and You

by Elaine Newton,
Chief Judge

Southern Ute Tribal Court

A crucial part of a legal system is a jury. Section 10 of the Indian Civil Rights Act reads as follows: “No Indian Tribe in exercising powers of self government shall deny to any person accused of an offense punishable by jail, the right, upon request, to a trial by a jury of not less than

six persons.”

Jury summons is an official notice and are mailed out at least a week before the scheduled jury trial. As some of you may notice that there have been numerous requests for jury trials and the judicial system depends on each individual to appear for court. If you do not appear for jury duty; you will subject to contempt of court proceeding. You could be subject to a substantial fine.

The jury is the finder of fact,

and the judge rules on the question of law. You are called upon to decide what the facts are based upon the evidence to determine guilt or innocence.

You can be called in as many times as needed during a year, ONLY if you are sitting on an ongoing trial you will not be called for a year. The year runs from October 1 to September 30.

No one likes jury duty, but your task as a juror is critical to a determination of what is justice.



Multiple Agencies Contribute To Successful Prescribed Burn Project



Media Release
BIA, Southern Ute Agency

From October 16th through 19th, four Bureau of Indian Affairs Agencies, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and local fire departments came together in cooperative spirit to complete the 1,200 acre George burn. The project was located seven miles southwest of Pagosa Springs, CO on the Southern Ute Reservation. The Southern Ute Agency hosted the project with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Ute Mountain Agency, Jicarilla Apache Agency, Navajo Agency, Los Pinos Fire Protection District and Archuleta County Office of Emergency Management participating.

Each agency supplied personnel and equipment to fill various roles in conducting the burn operation. Southern Ute Agency filled the overhead positions with Rich Gustafson, Fire Management Officer directing the burn as the Burn Boss, Jesse

Ramirez, Fuels Specialist as Firing Boss and Howard Richards Jr., Supervisory Forestry Technician as Holding Boss. Jicarilla Agency supplied the knowledge and positions to complete the aerial ignition as Walt Gomez, Andy Mora, Bill Muniz and Harold Tecube performed mix-master duties.



Ute Mountain Agency supplied AD firefighters supervised by Rawley Holliday and type six engines that Myron Baker super-

vised. Casey Rosenberg managed the helicopter and ensured that both heli-torch and PSD operations went smoothly. Navajo Agency supplied the Navajo Hot Shots who aided in black-lining seven miles of the project perimeter. They did an excellent job and were, no doubt, tired after the project. Kevin Pellman, Navajo Hot Shot Superintendent was the PSD Operator and stepped forward in overseeing the entire aviation operation. Southern Ute Forestry personnel assisted with hand ignitions and Los Pinos Fire Department and Archuleta County Emergency Management supplied two type six engines and a water tender. Los Pinos Wildland Coordinator, David Vega stepped forward and performed effective strike team leader duties. It was truly a cooperative effort where teamwork was developed among neighbor-

ing agencies.

The objective of the prescribed burn was to reduce hazardous fuel accumulations resulting from decades of fire suppression and to improve wildlife habitat. The George burn was named after Gerry George who initially envisioned the project and was the Fire Management Officer for the Southern Ute Agency from 1998 through 2002. Gerry George died in 2005.

The Superintendent, Southern Ute Agency would like to extend his gratitude and appreciation to all of the cooperating agencies for making their resources available for this highly successful project.

King Salmon On the Pere Marquette

Don Oliver
Special to the Drum

On a recent fly-fishing trip to Michigan I learned two things. Michigan is where Trout Unlimited was founded, and it is also where brown trout were first introduced into the United States. This would be important if you were playing a game of fly-fishing trivia, or were in Michigan fishing for brown trout. Neither of those applied to me. I was in Baldwin, Michigan, with my friends Sam, Dick, and Jim, to fly-fish the king salmon run on the Pere Marquette River, aka P.M. It was an unbelievable experience.

I had never fished the run before and had no idea what to expect. Dick and Jim are from that part of the world, have fly-fished it many times, and would only smile when asked, "What should I expect?" I was advised to bring a 9-weight rod, my reel spooled with either zip or floating line, and 100 yards of backing. To go with this I needed leaders from 10 to 18 pound test. To tie on to the leaders three flies were suggested; egg patterns, egg sucking leaches, and Montanas. To finish off this rig I attached split shot weight that could make your luggage fail its weight limit test.

Now that I was all rigged and ready to fish my questions became, "How do I know where to cast, and how do I cast all this line and weight?" It was patiently explained to me that since this was the king salmon run all I had



photo courtesy/Don Oliver

to do was look across the river. This is the time of the year that the salmon are making the annual run from Lake Michigan, up the P.M. for a romantic interlude. They are in the river by the thousands.

As they make the run upstream there are two places they are most visible; the deeper pools where they seemed to be resting, and the gravel beds where romance takes place. With this many fish knowing where to cast was easy, learning the best way to cast to them took but a few seconds. A good roll cast or a well placed shooting cast worked best. The cast was followed with a down stream mend to allow for a good swing. Casting into that many fish allows for two types of hook-ups, a foul hook or one in the jaw. Now, before you get upset with me for even thinking about a foul hook set on purpose bear in mind these fish are here for one purpose, "romance". Further, after that is accomplished, they die. (Seems like a

high price to pay for sex.) The one fish to avoid is the females. They are laying the eggs, and are fewer in numbers than the males. The way to identify them is to watch for a salmon lying on her side digging a hole in the gravel with her fin to hold the eggs.

I caught salmon, foul hooked and in the jaw. The fish I caught were in the 15 to 20 pound range and 20 to 25 inches in length. The first one I caught was into my backing in a split-second. He was the first of many to do that. I also caught several brown trout holding beneath the salmon to eat the freshly laid eggs.

The P.M. is a wonderful fishery. It lies in a dense forest with moss covering the ground, making it as soft as a feather bed. During the spring and summer trout abound. The fall brings the salmon and winter is for steelhead fishing.

Since I've caught the salmon, I want to go back for the browns and steelhead. I hope to see you on the river.

Attention All Tribal Members Listed

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Please give Tribal Information Services a call at (970) 563-0100 ext. 2302

THE WHITE HOUSE Office of the Press Secretary

NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH, 2009 BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

The indigenous peoples of North America — the First Americans — have woven rich and diverse threads into the tapestry of our Nation's heritage. Throughout their long history on this great land, they have faced moments of profound triumph and tragedy alike. During National Native American Heritage Month, we recognize their many accomplishments, contributions, and sacrifices, and we pay tribute to their participation in all aspects of American society.

This month, we celebrate the ancestry and time-honored traditions of American Indians and Alaska Natives in North America. They have guided our land stewardship policies, added immeasurably to our cultural heritage, and demonstrated courage in the face of adversity. From the American Revolution to combat missions in Iraq and Afghanistan, they have fought valiantly in defense of our Nation as dedicated servicemen and women. Their native languages have also played a pivotal role on the battlefield. During World Wars I and II, Native American code talkers developed unbreakable codes to communicate military messages that saved countless lives. Native Americans have distinguished themselves as inventors, entrepreneurs, spiritual leaders, and scholars. Our debt to our First Americans is immense, as is our responsibility to ensure their fair, equal treatment and honor the commitments we made to their forebears.

The Native American community today faces huge challenges that have been ignored by our Government for too long. To help address this disparity, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act allocates more than \$3 billion to help these communities deal with their most pressing needs. In the Fiscal Year 2010 budget, my Administration has proposed over \$17 billion for programs carried out by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Indian Health Service, and other Federal agencies that have a critical role to play in improving the lives of Native Americans. These programs will increase educational opportunities, address the scourge of alcohol abuse and domestic violence, promote economic development, and provide access to comprehensive, accessible, and affordable health care. While funding increases do not make up for past deficiencies, they do reflect our determination to honor tribal sovereignty and ensure continued progress on reservations across America.

As we seek to build on and strengthen our nation-to-nation relationship, my Administration is committed to ensuring tribal communities have a meaningful voice in our national policy debates as we confront the challenges facing all Americans. We will continue this constructive dialogue at the White House Tribal Nations Conference held in Washington, D.C., this month. Native American voices have echoed through the mountains, valleys, and plains of our country for thousands of years, and it is now our time to listen.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BARACK OBAMA, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim November 2009 as National Native American Heritage Month. I call upon all Americans to commemorate this month with appropriate programs and activities, and to celebrate November 27, 2009, as Native American Heritage Day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this thirtieth day of October, in the year of our Lord two thousand nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-fourth.

BARACK OBAMA



The Southern Ute Indian Tribe invites all Tribal Membership and Families, Permanent Fund, Growth Fund and Sky Ute Casino employees to the Annual Thanksgiving Dinner to be held at the NEW Sky Ute Casino Resort Event Center.

Dinner: 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Meet and greet our Southern Ute Royalty and take a minute to catch up with friends and family who are visiting during the holiday season.

If you are unable to attend due to a handicap or disability constraint, please contact Southern Ute Elder Services so arrangements can be made to have your meal delivered during the day of November 14, 2009. Their phone number is (970) 563-0100. Should you have any questions, please contact Amy Barry, Special Events Coordinator, for the Public Relations Division for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe at (970) 563-0100.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing each and everyone of you at the dinner.



Spikers’ Long Haul Ends At Districts

by Joel Priest
Special to the Drum

The immediate task before them was unenviable—to try and upset the regular-season champs.

Who, sadly, played to the level that earned them the crown, and effectively ended the Ignacio Volleycats’ 2009 season at last Saturday’s San Juan Basin League District Tournament [Class 2A, Dist. 3].

Battling the Mancos Lady Jays inside their house of pain called the Mancos Performance Center, IHS fell in three (10-25, 12-25, 13-25) and had only the remotest of chances remaining to claim one of the two transfer spots to this weekend’s 2A-Region C meet in Palisade. The only problem was, the SJBL’s other likely representatives awaited them next.

Against Dolores, who fell to MHS on the final regular-season day, Ignacio again struggled with the cohesive Lady Bears and were swept 8-25, 14-25, 12-25. Only a for-prise contest remained at that point, against the Telluride Lady Miners. Going out on a much more upbeat note, the ‘Cats clawed out of a two-set hole but ultimately dropped the tiebreaking fifth set.

The scores were THS 26-24, 25-15, IHS 25-15, 25-23, THS 15-11.

From stats reported by head coach Bayli Stillwell, senior Morgan Gantt led in kills on the



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The Volleycat seniors gather outside the locker room after sweeping Ridgway (25-10, 25-17, 25-16) on Senior/Parent Appreciation Night at IHS on Oct. 23. Left to right are: Kristie Ribera, Ashley Self, head coach Bayli Stillwell, Morgan Gantt, Kayla Lewis. “It’s bittersweet,” said Stillwell following last weekend’s district tournament, “to think that my first season’s already over. But this group will always be my ‘babies’ - won’t forget them.” Prior to districts, IHS fell (6-25, 20-25, 14-25) at Norwood in the Oct. 24 regular-season finale.

day with 16. Junior Santana Rodriguez came up with 37 total digs to lead defensively. Senior Kristie Ribera added a dozen kills in the last two matches, while junior Rose Mirabal and sophomore Rylie Jefferson chipped in seven kills each in the test with Telluride.

Mancos and Dolores indeed advanced in the state tournament, joining District 5 winners Vail Mountain and 2A Western Slope regular-season champs Vail Christian. Mike Garvey’s VMS

Gore Rangers enter at 15-9 overall, while Cathy Alexander’s Saints [out of Edwards] come in 19-3.

The CHSAA website shows the Lady Jays owning a 19-3 record and the Lady Bears at 14-5. But simple math looking at their schedules—and filling in blanks on those published on the Internet—shows MHS at 18-3 and DHS at 15-7. Ignacio finished 4-17 overall, having gone a combined 0-9 against their 2A SJBL/D-3 opposition this season.

#10 Bobcats Meet Meeker, 1st Round



photo Joel Priest/DRUM Freelance

The honored active Ignacio senior football players mug it up one last time before [finally] getting to head back to the warm locker room at halftime during last Friday’s regular-season finale against Del Norte. Pictured, left to right, are: Richard Hott, Shane Brooks, Josh Plehinger, Alex Herrera, Oakley Hayes, Chance Wyatt, Russell Hubert, Tony Hutchinson, and Sylvester Tracy. Not pictured, but also honored as a senior out for the season due to a preseason injury was Jared Ruybal.

by Joel Priest
Special to the Drum

The Meeker shall not inherit this turf!

If that’s not scrawled somewhere inside the Bobcats’ playbooks, it should be. And if it’s not deeply ingrained in their minds by now, fans can only hope the Cowboys won’t be as Calhan-cruel on the IHS Field scoreboard during this weekend’s Class 1A state playoff opener.

But one thing is definitely for sure: Ignacio’s players that returned from the 2008 season—which is practically all of them—have been chomping at the bit for the James Brown-big payback. Even if the chance for it won’t come against the Bulldogs—who aren’t Big Dance-ing in 2009.

Instead, the CHSAA seeding committee decided Sunday to pit the ‘Cats against a Western Slope side much like themselves—tested by postseason-level teams, but brutal against non-qualifiers. And two nights earlier, while MHS was bowing to unbeaten Hotchkiss in the WSC title game, IHS—seeded eighth in the bracket—pummeled Del Norte, 46-0, for a repeat Southern Peaks Conference championship.

Building off a 55-7 whipping of Center and cracking Colorado Preps’ top ten rankings as a result, it took all of two minutes and 21 seconds to see that the Bobcats’ toughest opponent on Senior/Parent Appreciation Night wouldn’t be the near-toothless Tigers, but the biting, near-freezing temperature.

Senior Josh Plehinger returned the opening kickoff close to 30 yards out to the IHS 44, and after four straight run plays (amongst three ball carriers), senior quarterback Shane Brooks faked a handoff to classmate Russell Hubert then tossed a 34-yard touchdown to Plehinger.

Jim Turner-esque kicker Pedro Vigil’s point-after attempt failed, but the junior—tripling as a running back and linebacker—quickly made amends on a second try. Which came just 19 seconds later. Del Norte began their first possession at their 34, but junior Nick Trujillo’s first-down pass fell incomplete. Vigil, with a running start, anticipated Trujillo’s second-down toss perfectly, made the interception at about the DN 35 and dashed untouched into the end zone.

Trailing 13-0 with 9:39 still left in the first quarter, DNHS began their second series at their 35, but quickly went three-and-out, hastened by an Alex Herrera sack of Trujillo on third down for a loss of 11 back to the 23. Freshman Colin Trujillo’s ensuing punt didn’t net much, as Plehinger brought it back down to the Tigers’ 26. 7:30 still showed on the scoreboard clock.

Two plays and 23 seconds later, Ignacio padded their cushion to 20-zip on a six-yard Chance Wyatt run preceded by a long Brooks keeper, with Vigil easily converting the PAT. But

after then showing some defense to stifle a ten-play Tiger drive—ended by a Tony Hutchinson pass breakup, a tackle-for-loss by Vigil on Jake Butler, and then one by Plehinger on Kyle Garcia—the Bobcats punted on their next series.

Del Norte failed to profit. Trujillo had consecutive passes batted away by senior Oakley Hayes, then was stuffed for no gain on a broken play on third down. Colin Trujillo’s punt attempt never had a chance as Wyatt not only blocked, but also recovered the ball at the DN 14.

However no points came of the short field, and the game’s pace slowed until late in the second quarter. Hubert (9-60 rushing) capped a seven-play, 53-yard drive with a three-yard jog through a massive left-side hole between guard and tackle, and Vigil (9-59) added the PAT for a 27-0 lead. The half ended 1:54 after, as Bobcat sophomore Colton Wyatt flattened Trujillo for a sack near midfield.

Brooks then intercepted his counterpart on the Tigers’ first possession in the third quarter, effectively serving as the final nail for the coffin. Driving it in would be a ten-yard Vigil TD run, a 15-yard TD run by Hayes, another Vigil PAT, and two successful Vigil field goals (26, 37 yards). Hayes and junior Kent Kerrigan also recorded interceptions on defense, helping guarantee that Del Norte’s top weapon—senior running back Chris Archuleta—would never pose a threat.

In fact, DNHS rushers were held under 75 yards, while Ignacio (7-2 overall, 4-0 SPC) piled up a reported 284 on 33 tries. Hayes led defensively with 10 total tackles, Vigil and junior Ethan Pearson each had nine, Chance Wyatt and senior Richard Hott each added eight.

Numbers that will bode well against the [eighth-ranked] nine-seed Cowboys (7-2, 4-1 WSC) this weekend. Quarterback Colton Brown has thrown for and rushed for over 750 yards, while running back Mitch Jacob has gained over 600 yards. Brock Campbell leads the MHS receivers with just over 200 yards.

SCOUTING THE SPC: SoPeaks runners-up Dolores earned the 12-seed in the 1A

bracket, and will travel to face aforementioned, five-seed [and fifth-ranked] Hotchkiss.... Conference performances alone would hint Meeker and Ignacio are perfect opponents for each other; IHS scored 155 points while allowing just 14 to SPC opponents, while MHS posted a 158:43 ratio versus the Slope. 29 of those allowed points came in the loss to HHS, meaning the Cowboys essentially allowed the same total as the Bobcats! And oh yes, both squads recorded three shutouts in the regular season.... The Meeker-Ignacio winner will advance to battle either one-seed Yuma (9-0, 5-0 North Central) or 16-seed Crowley County (Ordway; 6-3, 4-1 Santa Fe) next Saturday....

....Part of Meeker’s defensive stinginess might be due to input from new d-line coach Greg Ching. At 6’8” and now about 290 pounds, Ching was part of the Nebraska Cornhuskers’ 1985 recruiting class but, according to huskerpedia.com, never lettered nor appears on any mid-1980’s roster. Still, even as a scout-team or practice player, he would have been in Lincoln that first year with future NFL’ers Jim Skow, Broderick Thomas, and one Neil Smith. By the time Ching’s eligibility would have expired, future Denver Broncos Mike Croel and Kenny Walker would also have become part of the vaunted ‘Blackshirts.’

He couldn’t have been around intensity like that without getting some on him.... Name game: There was also a cornerback—no relation to the Denver Post scribe—named Woody Paige at NU during that time.... And for the record, Calhan limped to 3-6 in ‘09 as new head coach Ryan Wilkie (the defensive coordinator in ‘08) shelved the potent double-wing offensive scheme in favor of something more spread out—despite having the QB and two of the top three RB’s back from last year. Oops!

Football Regional 1A Bracket
Meeker Cowboys
vs Ignacio Bobcats
November 7, 2009 1:00 pm
Gate Admission
Student (K-12) - \$5.00
General Admission - \$7.00

Tip From the Wise



photo Joel Priest/DRUM Freelance

Helping the Ignacio JV to close out their season in style, freshman Destinee Lucero places a tip shot towards Norwood sophomore Ellen McKinney (18) and senior Hannah Pace (11), while Volleycat freshman Mariah Vigil (16) and Lady Maverick junior Ashley Setzer (21) observe the occurrence. With the Oct. 24 three-set road win, IHS improved to 12-5 overall, and 11-4 in the 2A/1A San Juan Basin League. Coaching the ‘Cats were first-year boss Jordan Shaffer and first-year volunteer assistant Paula Cox.

Men’s 35 & Older Basketball League

Basketball Players, Men 35 and older
Games start November 17, 2009
Deadline to sign up: Nov. 16, 12 noon • \$250 Entry fee/team

Games wil be played on Tuesday nights from 6 pm - 9 pm

To sign up, or for more info contact Damon WhiteThunder (970) 563-0214 Ext. 2652

September Meteorological Data

UTE I Monitoring Station • Ignacio BIA Forestry Compound

AVERAGE (Day) HIGH TEMP.		PRECIPITATION DATA	
September	22.2 C 72.0 F	Date	Daily Total
AVERAGE (Night) LOW TEMP.		September 1	.09”
September	6.8 C 44.2 F	September 5	.87”
AVERAGE DAILY TEMP.		September 7	.02”
September	14.2 C 57.6 F	September 14	.124”
AVERAGE WINDSPEED		September 17	.148”
Monthly Average		September 18	.028”
September	4.9 MPH	September 20	.048”
Maximum Hourly Average		September 30	.04”
September 30, 2009	26.6 MPH	Monthly Total	1.37”

FOOTBALL FRENZY!

Class 1A Southern Peaks Conference
(Final 2009 Regular Season Standings)

Team	OVERALL			SPC		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Us/Them
IGNACIO	7	2	.778	4	0	278/107
Dolores	5	4	.555	3	1	181/182
Sargent	5	4	.555	2	2	217/208
Del Norte	2	6	.250	1	3	130/251
Center	0	9	.000	0	4	123/398

Week Nine Breakdown: Del Norte 0, at IGNACIO 46; Center 13, at Sargent 46; Delores BYE

State Playoffs: 1st Round Rundown (Seed Numbers): 11/7 - Meeker (9) at IGNACIO (8); Dolores (12) at Hotchkiss (5)

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760 Shoshone Avenue
Ignacio, CO 81137*

Separate sealed BIDS for the construction of the SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE HOUSING AUTHORITY, SEWER SERVICE REPLACEMENT PROJECT will be received by the SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE HOUSING AUTHORITY at the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Housing Authority office building, 760 Shoshone Avenue, Ignacio, CO 81137 until 2:00 p.m., November 17, 2009, and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud.

The CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be examined at the following locations:
Souder, Miller and Associates, 2101 San Juan

Blvd. Farmington, NM 87401 (505) 325-7535
Southern Ute Indian Tribe Housing Authority,
760 Shoshone Avenue, IgnacioCO, 81137 (505) 327-9677

Copies of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be obtained at the office of the ENGINEER, Souder, Miller & Associates, 2101 San Juan Blvd. Farmington, New Mexico 87401, upon payment of \$25.00 for each set.

Any BIDDER, upon returning the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS in good condition within 30 days of BID opening, will be fully refunded the \$25.00.

A MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING will be held on November 12, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. at the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Housing Authority office building at 760 Shoshone Avenue, Ignacio, CO 81137. A site visit will be held in conjunction with the pre-BID meeting.

Invitation To Bid

RESIDENTIAL ROADS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

OWNER:

*Southern Ute Indian Tribe
Tribal Planning Department
116 Mouache Drive
Ignacio, CO 81137
(970) 563-0100 Ext. 2271*

Separate sealed bids to provide design, engineering and construction management services for enhancements to four residential roads, located on the Southern Ute Indian Tribe reservation in Ignacio, Colorado, will be received by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe at the Tribal Planning Department office located at 116 Mouache Drive in Ignacio, Colorado 81137 until 3:00 p.m. on Friday, November 13, 2009 and then at said office privately opened and reviewed. Bids received after this time will not be accepted and will be returned unopened. This project will be funded through Federal contracts, and is contingent upon contract awards. Pre-determined wages (Davis Bacon) will apply to this project.

The overall project concept is to make improvements to four residential roads. The proposed site is located in Southwestern Colorado, La Plata County, and is within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Reservation. The roads are known as 1.) Sunset Circle, AKA Sunset Drive, AKA Redd Heights Housing. 2.) Tamuche

Circle, AKA Cluster Housing Site. 3.) Piwood Circle, AKA Cluster Housing Site. 4.) Buckskin Charlie Drive. The project contains approximately .9 miles of roadway.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting for prospective Bidders will be held at the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Planning Conference Room, located at 116 Mouache Drive on November 10, 2009, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe TERO code has established a preference for contracting and sub-contracting to certified Indian Owned businesses. A bid preference will be given to any qualified Native American owned company. To receive this preference, Native American owned companies must be certified by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's TERO. Any Native American owned business not certified by the due date will not be given a preference.

For information on certification, contact the TERO office at (970) 563-0117. Indian employment preference is required for all employers on this project in accordance with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's TERO code.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informality in bids and to accept the bid deemed, in the opinion of the Tribe, to be in the best interest of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

Electrical Fire Safety

Electrical fires in our homes claim the lives of 485 Americans each year and injure 2,305 more. Some of these fires are caused by electrical system failures and appliance defects, but many more are caused by the misuse and poor maintenance of electrical appliances, incorrectly installed wiring, and overloaded circuits and extension cords.

The Problem

During a typical year, home electrical problems account for 67,800 fires, 485 deaths, and \$868 million in property losses. Home electrical wiring causes twice as many fires as electrical appliances.

The Facts

December is the most dangerous month for electrical fires. Fire deaths are highest in winter months which call for more indoor activities and increase in lighting, heating, and appliance use. Most electrical wiring fires start in the bedroom.

The Causes

Electrical Wiring

Most electrical fires result from problems with "fixed wiring" such as faulty electrical outlets and old wiring. Problems with cords and plugs, such as extension

and appliance cords, also cause many home electrical fires.

In urban areas, faulty wiring accounts for 33% of residential electrical fires.

Many avoidable electrical fires can be traced to misuse of electric cords, such as overloading circuits, poor maintenance and running the cords under rugs or in high traffic areas.

Home Appliances

The home appliances most often involved in electrical fires are electric stoves and ovens, dryers, central heating units, televisions, radios and record players.

Safety Precautions

Routinely check your electrical appliances and wiring.

Frayed wires can cause fires. Replace all worn, old or damaged appliance cords immediately.

Use electrical extension cords wisely and don't overload them.

Keep electrical appliances away from wet floors and counters; pay special care to electrical appliances in the bathroom and kitchen.

When buying electrical appliances look for products which meet the Underwriter's Laboratory (UL) standard for safety.

Don't allow children to play

with or around electrical appliances like space heaters, irons and hair dryers.

Keep clothes, curtains and other potentially combustible items at least three feet from all heaters.

If an appliance has a three-prong plug, use it only in a three-slot outlet. Never force it to fit into a two-slot outlet or extension cord.

Never overload extension cords or wall sockets. Immediately shut off, then professionally replace, light switches that are hot to the touch and lights that flicker. Use safety closures to "child-proof" electrical outlets.

Check your electrical tools regularly for signs of wear. If the cords are frayed or cracked, replace them. Replace any tool if it causes even small electrical shocks, overheats, shorts out or gives off smoke or sparks.

Finally, having a working smoke alarm dramatically increases your chances of surviving a fire. And remember to practice a home escape plan frequently with your family.

This message brought to you by the Southern Ute Risk Management Division

Incumbents Envision Proactive • from page 1

Southern Ute people and the lack of communication and accountability from the current Tribal Council. Tribal candidate Elise Redd was next to give her welcome to the Southern Ute people and to voice her ideas and changes if elected to the Tribal Council. Ms. Redd's strong attribute is her knowledge on health care. Ms. Redd also brought up the fact that the Indian Health Center is not providing services that have been offered in the past and that changes need to happen to take care of the Southern Ute people. Tribal candidate, Corliss Taylor spoke about the Permanent and Growth Fund needing to be more conservative when spending. She stated, "Although our country is in recession, the Tribe continues to fill new positions both on the Permanent and Growth Fund sides. We need to be careful when it comes to spending our Tribal monies." Ms Taylor also reflected on her past tenure as a Tribal Council member and being part of the planning and implementation process for the Financial Plan, the Retirement Plan and the Higher Education Scholarship Program. Mr. Byron Frost spoke next and touched briefly on his ideas and changes that he would bring forward to the Tribal Council if elected. One of Mr. Frost's focus was Higher Education and lobbying for additional scholarship monies for tribal members who received a degree. Mr. Byron Frost stated, "We should offer the graduates three additional months of funding so we are not throwing our own students out into the world while they are returning home or seeking employment. Our Tribal Council receives six months of pay if they are not re-elected, why can't we do that for our students, our own people?" Mr. Frost brought up the fact that Southern Ute elders have been disrespected and that the Southern Ute people should look to them (Elders) for guidance. "Elders should always have the respect of our people no matter who they are. They are our teachers." Frost stated. Mr. Frost also stated, that current land issues need to be addressed along with the Land Code. Mr. Frost also said he would lobby to have all Department Directors on contracts for accountability to the membership. "Waves need to be made to aggressively seek changes and restructuring with the tribal government for the betterment of our tribal membership," Frost stated. The last incumbent to speak was Ms. Joyce Delaware. Ms. Delaware brought up the

importance of making decisions with the Southern Ute people in mind first. Ms. Delaware also stated that decisions should be made with Southern Ute culture and traditions in mind. Focus areas for Ms. Delaware include education, financial gain, health care and housing. Ms. Delaware closed with the statement, "If I do not have the answer, I will find it. I will be here for my people."

The floor was then opened to the membership in attendance and listening live on tribal radio. Questions voiced by the membership included view points on the proposed Bean Gravel Pit, by tribal member Marjorie Barry. The gravel pit proposal has yet to be approved by Tribal Council and each incumbent on the Tribal Council panel voiced their outlook on the endeavor being sought by Sky Ute Sand and Gravel. Council Lady Scott-Rarick stated that she lives by the Weaselskin gravel pit and how it has disrupted the environment and how it has impacted the wildlife in that area; therefore, she did not support this proposed business endeavor that was brought forth for approval. Ms. Dutchie also stated that this proposal had been brought forward when she was on Tribal Council and wondered why this proposal was up for approval again after the past Tribal Council had already disapproved it back in 2004. Ms. Dutchie stated, "Is the Tribal Council going to start approving old business that has already been addressed by previous Tribal Councils?" All incumbents stated they would not support that proposed business venture by the Growth Fund entity, along with a comment made by Mr. Howard Richards stating, "You also have to consider the rights of the allottees who are involved in the matter." Tribal member Dona Frost spoke next and questioned the mailing of surveys from tribal departments and wanted to know who pays for the gifts that are mailed along with the surveys. The current Tribal Council members stated they were not aware of any gifts that had been mailed out from the Executive Office. Tribal member, Sage Remington asked the incumbents what their primary emphasis would be if elected. A majority of the panel stated health care, with the rest addressing financial stability, education and keeping the Ute culture alive. The focus then steered toward the Ute Language and the lack of learning the language by the younger Ute generations. Mr. Byron Frost stat-

ed that the Elders are the teachers and younger generation needs to support and respect those individuals. Ms. Corliss Taylor stated although she does not speak Ute fluently, she is still a Ute and that Southern Ute tribal members should not be scrutinized for not being taught their language. Remington stated, "The Southern Utes used to be ahead of our sister Tribes, Ute Mountain and Northern Ute, with our language - now we (Southern Ute) are falling behind." Mr. Ray C. Frost then had a direct question for Council Lady Scott-Rarick regarding her letter she sent out to the membership involving the Elders Committee and the questioning of the dysfunction within that Committee. Ms. Scott-Rarick stated that she did not see the tribal elders as dysfunctional as it was stated in her letter sent to the general membership. Tribal member, Kevin Frost asked a question related to the Tribal Credit Program and why the CFO, Brian Zink has become involved with the reorganization of the Committee. The question was never directly answered by a current Tribal Council member. Mr. Kevin Frost also asked who had authorized Councilman Steve Herrera's testimony in Washington D.C. related to our secured trust land rights related to energy and wanted to know who generated that testimony for Councilman Herrera. Vice Chairman Jim Newton Jr. stated he had been on medical leave during that discussion and had not been involved with the preparation of that testimony. Mr. Kevin Frost also asked each incumbent about changes to the current Constitution and what changes each incumbent would make or propose if elected. Ms. Joyce Dutchie stated the roles of the Chairman need to be looked at and reviewed. Jim Newton Jr. stated the importance in changing the need for approval from the Secretary of the Interior due to the Bureau of Indian Affairs reduction in force. Byron Frost said when a person sends items to the BIA for approval the process takes too long and it is costing the tribe money. Barbara Scott-Rarick also reiterated the need to remove the approval process due to the Tribe losing money each day paper work sits with no action being taken. The Tribal Constitution was the last item in question and the meeting was brought to a close by Mr. Andrew Frost thanking all those listening and in attendance at the meeting.

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Southern Ute Growth Fund - Job Announcements

Obtain complete job descriptions and applications from the Growth Fund Human Resources, 14933 Hwy. 172 • PO Box 367 • Ignacio, CO • (970) 563-5064 • rtaylor@sugf.com
Tribal Member Employment Preference, Must Pass Pre-employment Drug Test & Criminal History.

Geologic Manager

Closing Date 11/9/09 - Red Willow Production Co. Providing support and evaluating exploration and development drilling projects including obtaining data and resources, completing technical evaluations, and, supervise geosciences staff in supporting both exploration and production projects.

Vice President of Engineering & Development

Closing Date 11/9/09 - Red Willow Production Co. Managing engineering, technology, and planning functions in line with company goals. Monitors and manages capital projects and major expense projects to develop reserves, and, assists in developing and managing corporate annual budgets and in the development and maintenance of strategic annual and long-range plans for projects by area.

Custodian

Closing Date 11/10/09 - Sky Ute Fairgrounds Daily cleaning of the facilities to include but not limited to vacuuming carpeted areas and offices, monitoring and reporting to supervisor supplies and materials needing to be ordered, assuring adequate inventories.

Apprentice Operator Program

Closing Date 11/12/09 - Red Cedar Gathering Co. Program participants will receive training and experience for performing job duties in system compressor, treating facility, pipeline equipment and/or facility operations. Must complete all required training and testing at each level of program and be able to work independently as a natural gas operator.

Field Instrument and Controls Technician

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Quality Control Specialist

Closing date 11/12/09 - Gallup Sand & Gravel Concrete, asphalt, and aggregate quality control efforts. This position will also include some sales responsibilities.

Data Specialist

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Financial Analyst

Closing Date 11/16/09 - Red Willow Production Co. Contribute financial and business management expertise to the evaluation of existing projects and the evaluation and development of new opportunities. Responsibilities include internal financial reporting, and assisting in monitoring and managing Red Willow's business ventures and developing the annual budget and five-year plan.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe - Job Announcements

Please refer to the complete Job Announcement and Requirements in the Human Resources Dept. P.O. Box 737 • Ignacio, CO 81137 Phone: (970) 563-0100 • Fax: (970) 563-0396
*Human Resources accepts applications for Temporary Employment on an on-going basis.

Bus Driver

Closes 11/06/09 - Provides Bus driving services for the Education Department.

MIS Website Designer - Apprentice

Closes 11/10/09 - This program is designed to meet the needs of a Southern Ute Tribal Member with a sincere desire to become a Web Designer. This program will provide a learning opportunity for an incumbent who may have some experience in Web Design, Graphic Design, and illustration. The Time Frame for this program's completion is twelve (12) months, unless there are circumstances requiring an extension or reduction. The pay rate for this position is approximately \$14.81 an hour but may vary depending on applicant's education and experience.

Financial Literacy Program Trainer

Open Until Filled - Trainer position for an Enrolled Tribal Member or local Native American to conduct classes for the Financial Literacy Program for Tribal Members. The goal of the Financial Literacy Program is to enhance the knowledge of Tribal Members in day to day financial decisions including banking, utilization of credit and investing.

Patrol Officer

Open Until Filled - Patrols the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, and is responsible for preserving the life and property of all citizens within the Tribal Community.

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KSUT Seeks Board Member

KSUT Public Radio is seeking a Southern Ute Tribal Member to fill a vacancy on its Board of Directors. This is a non-paid position which requires attending monthly meetings with additional special meetings as needed. Dinner is provided. KSUT is a 501-C3 non-profit organization. Please send a letter of interest to Eddie Box, Jr. at KSUT, Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137.

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In the Estate of, Case No.: 2009-139-PR
ANTHONY P. TOBIAS, SR., Deceased
Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO. Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on Monday, November 16, 2009 at 10:00 AM. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the

matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 30th of September, 2009
Trennie R. Burch, Deputy Court Clerk

In the Legal Name Change of, Case No.: 2009-199-NC
NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE
NEVAEH BEGAY-PENA, Civil Subject
Notice: Notice is hereby given that Nevaeh Begay has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Nevaeh Angel Pena. Any person desiring to object to the granting of the petition may do so by filing an objection in writing with the Clerk of the Court no later than November 18, 2009 at 5:00 PM. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.
Dated this 4th day of November, 2009.
Kelly Herrera, Court Clerk

SUTT Wildlife Division Seeks Tribal Member Advisory Board

The Southern Ute Tribal Council and Wildlife Division are presently seeking interested enrolled SUTT members wishing to fill two (2) vacant seats on the Tribal Member Wildlife Advisory Board. This 7-member Board, first established by the Council in 2005, works closely with the Wildlife Division and Rangers in planning, reviewing, and recommending various actions related to Tribal hunting and fishing programs. Board members who are not already employed by the Tribe are compensated at an hourly rate for meeting participation. Meetings are held several times throughout the year, and a commitment to participate in all meetings is expected. To be eligible to serve on the Board, a Tribal Member must not have committed a hunting or fishing related violation in the past 5 years. Also, knowledge of the Tribe's hunting and fishing resources and its approach to wildlife management is preferred. Eligible Tribal Members interested in serving on the Board must submit a brief letter of interest to the Southern Ute Wildlife Division at P.O. Box 737, Ignacio CO 81137. Interested eligible applicants will be considered for a Board appointment by the Tribal Council. For more information, please contact the Wildlife Division at (970) 563-0130.

Southern Ute Indian Tribal Member Internship Opportunity - Restaurant Operations Intern Digs Market Café

Opportunity to join the experienced restaurant team at the recently opened Digs Market Café (opened in April of 2009) in Three Springs. Todd and Kellie Stevens are the owners of Digs Market Café and are currently involved with three other restaurants (two in Pagosa Springs, Colorado and one in Houston, Texas). Todd and Kellie have been in the restaurant business for over 20 years and have a wealth of knowledge and experience in the restaurant/service industry. This opportunity will allow a tribal member to work and train with Todd and Kellie and their experienced managers in all aspects of restaurant operations.
Position Description: Digs Market Café in Three Springs, Durango is looking for a Southern Ute Tribal Member to work as a restaurant operations trainee. Responsibilities will include work assignments in and exposure to all aspects of the restaurant's operation including: Host(ess), Cashier, Server, Bus staff, Prep Cook, Line Cook, Kitchen Management (ordering, scheduling), Front of House (FOH) Management (ordering, scheduling, bookkeeping), Bar Training (beer/wine knowledge), Catering (sales, service), Marketing. Basic Business – profit/loss analysis, revenue generation, expense controls – exposure to QuickBooks accounting software.
The goal of this internship is to provide a tribal member with a strong base of experience and knowledge in restaurant management and operations. To Start Immediately. Initially the position will be approximately a six month internship, although the term could be modified based upon the particular interest of the intern. For example, if an in-depth understanding of kitchen operations is desired the term would need to be longer – possibly twelve months. After the initial internship, long term employment would be a possibility based upon the interest of the tribal member, their performance during the internship and the needs of the business. Digs Market Café is open for lunch and dinner Monday through Friday and dinner on Saturday. Specific working hours will be negotiated and can be structured to meet the particular needs of the tribal member. 40 hours per week or as agreed. \$7.50 hour. Outstanding “hands-on” training and experience.
Qualifications: 18 years of age or older; High School Diploma or GED (transcripts required); Previous restaurant experience would be helpful – but not required.
How to apply: Application available at Digs Market Café in Three Springs
Essay: Please provide a minimum 400 word (approximately two page) essay along with your application describing why you want to work in the restaurant/service industry.
Additional Requirements: Acceptable attendance and performance are necessary for the internship to continue. All interns will be managed in the same manner as other employees and will be subject to the same rules and policies as other employees of Digs Market Café.

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5th Annual “49” PowWow A Full-On Success!!!



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The 5th Annual “49” PowWow, sponsored by Southern Ute Shining Mountain Diabetes program, to benefit Diabetes Education was a full-on success! The Powwow, held at the SunUte Community Center on Saturday, October 24, 2009, encompassed Gourd Dancing, Specials, a Buffalo-Stew Dinner, Costume Contests and Dance Contests. Participants, young and old, had a wonderful time sharing in this annual community event. Executive Officer Andrew Frost and Council Lady Marge Borst gave many thanks to those participants. MC Pat Trujillo and AD Bruce LeClaire and Powwow Organizer Julie Olexa of the Shining Mountain Diabetes program kept things moving along. Host Drums were Shiprock Agency and Southern Mountain Intertribal.

